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Pub boss wants to end 'ridiculous' rug row

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TALKS aimed at laying Barry's long-running and controversial 'carpet-gate' saga to rest have taken place recently.

Wetherspoon boss Tim Martin, who found himself embroiled in a bizarre spat with town councillors over a carpet in one of his pubs, travelled to Barry in an attempt to come up with a resolution.

A row broke out after Mr Martin's company laid a carpet, featuring Barry's coat of arms crest, in the town's Sir Samuel Romilly watering-hole as part of a £700,000 spruce-up scheme.

Unimpressed town councillors demanded the carpet be removed because they felt it was "disrespectful" to put furniture on top of the crest.

They were also miffed that Wetherspoon installed the carpet before asking for the council's permission to use the coat of arms.

After Mr Martin refused to remove the rug, town councillors sought legal advice with one option being to take the company to the Court of Chivalry, which last sat in 1737.

And now discussions to find an amicable resolution to the 'ridiculous' rug row have taken place between Mr Martin and disgruntled dignitaries.

Mr Martin told the Glamorgan Gem that he'd hoped the meeting, held behind closed doors at Barry Town Council's offices, had been constructive.

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Wetherspoon boss Tim Martin

Prince Charles pays visit to hospice

PRINCE Charles visited patients and staff at Marie Curie's hospice in Penarth last Friday during a tour of the Vale of Glamorgan.

The royal also dropped in to Aston Martin's new factory in St Athan where he viewed the company's latest luxury SUV.

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Five Mile Lane 'disappointingly underused'

I am writing to express my disappointment at how underused the new Five Mile Lane appears to be.

There are still large numbers of heavy lorries and tankers thundering along Port Road contributing to pollution and congestion. It is a mystery to me as the new road is well sign posted and can reduce the driving time between Weycock and Culverhouse by about 10 minutes on average. I would have thought Vale of Glamorgan Council would have taken a more proactive role in encouraging all drivers to consider the environment when planning their journeys.

On the face of it we have spent £28m to make it easier for people living in Bonvilston and St Nicholas to get to the airport for their holidays!

Lloyd Jones, Barry.

Thanks to a Good Samaritan

I would like to say thank you to the man who helped me up and walked me home when I fell on Boverton Road, Llantwit Major the evening of Friday, February 14.

I was too dazed to say thank you properly or even to ask his name. His help was very much appreciated.

Jill Nicholson, Llantwit Major.

Losing sight of the real issue

IT'S a shame that last week's news coverage of the proposed closure of the Sam Davies Ward at Barry hospital was dominated by political in-fighting in Cardiff Bay.

Reports focussed on the minutiae of the Ministerial Code and whether Jane Hutt, a government Minister, should be allowed to oppose the policies of her own Government.

But surely the real issue is why, in the face of the NHS budget increases announced last December, this important service is still being cut in the first place?

Sian Jones, Penarth.

Nature needs you!

IT is a sad but true fact that we are losing local wildlife and their habitats at an alarming rate... we are in a nature and climate crisis.

At a time when we need politicians to show leadership to protect our environment, they instead do their utmost to avoid public scrutiny and environmental question time events.

Once upon a time political candidates would not dare avoid questioning from their potential voters but now, it seems, that giving their apologies is the safest option to getting elected!

You'd expect a country like the UK to care about its wildlife but you would be wrong!

The UK Biodiversity Intactness Index, which estimates the abundance of original species, is the 29th lowest out of 218 other countries. We are officially one of the most nature depleted countries in the world!

If we are to turn this sorry state of affairs around then we need to build an environmental and wildlife movement which they would not dare ignore.

We need people to join local, national and international environmental and wildlife conservation groups... only then will our decision makers listen and finally take the action needed to save our planet for future generations.

Rob Curtis, Barry Action for Nature.

Disgusting dog fouling on pitch

WE arrived at Barry Rugby Club on Sunday, February 23 as my eight year old boy was playing for the Barry Bombers under-9s.

There were numerous junior games taking place with several pitches being used. To our disgust, it took four of the parents to walk the pitches and clean up the dog mess – we filled four bags!

Most dogs walkers are responsible but to those who are not, hang your heads in shame. These pitches are used by kids as well as adults – dog poo can cause serious illness.

Have a bit of pride in Barry and a little bit of self respect and clean up after your dog.

It was disgusting and disgraceful at the pitch on Sunday.

Gareth Holmes, on behalf of Barry Bombers under 9s.

Change needed at Welsh Assembly

I THOROUGHLY agree with most points made in Ade Pitman's letter in The Gem of February 20.

However, I would add that the Welsh Assembly also need change management training regarding the result of the recent General Election.

Unbelievable comments from the First minister: "Swathes of Labour votes in the valleys."

What a laughing stock he made of himself – embarrassing on the world stage.

After 20 years of Labour control, education has been totally devalued and now even removed from international tables. Combined with incorrect investment in infrastructure, transport and industry, Wales is not progressing and indeed is lagging well behind England.

Trivia is discussed and pushed through the Assembly, such as the ban on smacking of children. I have heard more intelligent debate at local government and parish council meetings!

It is paramount that a referendum is urgently requested regarding the need for this expensive layer of so-called politicians before it is too late.

Mrs Ros Morris, Cowbridge.

Bombs on the beach nothing new

FINDING a 'live' incendiary device on a Vale of Glamorgan beach is nothing new, for that matter; ordnance from the last two World Wars have been washed up on our shoreline before and will be for many years to come.

The question readers have been asking, I believe, is: "Has the movement of the mud from the shores at Hinkley nuclear power station not only added waterborne poison to our shores, but once buried military perils which have now become a present menace?"

We once had very safe shorelines, even 'blue flag' accolades, but for one, I won't be taking my children to swim in its sea, not because of the risk of nuclear contamination, but I don't want to see their bodies blown in bits because our politicians have allowed live explosives to be washed up, due to their irresponsibility.

Shame on Jane Hutt and Vaughan Gething in October 2018, 'our AM's' who voted for this disaster that has been waiting to happen.

Karl-James Langford, Barry.

Grateful thanks for return of wallet

LAST Saturday I took a cab to Llantwit to do my weekend shopping.

I collected my prescriptions and then my groceries at Filco. At the till, I discovered that my wallet was missing. It contained my cards and my cash, and my heart sank.

The assistant at the till rang the taxi firm and asked them to check the cab I had used. An unknown lady customer dashed off to check at the Co-op for some reason, while I retraced the steps I had taken right back to the car park, with no success.

I returned to Filco to see if the taxi firm had found the wallet but no luck there, and the assistant kindly arranged for a taxi to take me home.

I gave up.

Back home, I phoned my daughter to give her the news and she arrived promptly to hear the full story. Her reaction was to contact her circle of friends on Facebook and I spent the rest of the day with her. Later on, one of her Facebook friends came up with the news that the wallet had been found outside the Co-op and had been handed in there.

When my daughter returned me home that night .there was a message from Andy's Cabs in my door saying that my wallet had been found and was in the Co-op. They had made their own enquiries and gone well out of their way to deliver the news.

Then this morning, I received a call from the Well Chemist that the wallet was at the Co-op.

So many local people had heard of my loss, and, unasked, had gone out their way to help me. It both astounded me and boosted me no end. I thank them all, and am indeed fortunate to live amongst them.

JB Jones, Sigingstone.

Climate Change flooding in Wales

THE terrible flooding of houses and businesses in Pontypridd, the Rhondda, Monmouth and elsewhere in Wales is a result of global warming.

Record temperatures of 20% have been recorded in Antarctica, showing us how rapid the rate of change is becoming. For every 1 degree rise in temperature, the atmosphere can absorb 7% more moisture. We have all seen the cloud cover increasing, with day after day of rain.

The Atlantic storms, following on from the floods in America, have wreaked havoc. Flood defences were overcome as a month's rain fell in one day, on waterlogged ground and swollen rivers. It will take a long time for people to recover. The sums of compensation offered by the Government are too small and will be too little, too late. The people and their communities are leading the way, like the hundreds of volunteers clearing the storm debris. It is not good enough to say that this is the new normal and that we must learn to cope with Climate Change. Politicians will not make the necessary changes because they are only interested in getting elected. It is up to us to shift the balance of power to force political action at every level on Climate Change.

The Docks Incinerator has dropped its latest planning application for its water tanks/parking and now appears to be acting without planning permission. The incinerator is a development of national significance and should be dealt with by our Government, not the Vale Council.

We still await the Environmental Impact Assessment which was promised by the Environment Minister. No one seems to want to take responsibility for this hot potato, passing it back and forth and letting the developers go ahead, even if they are breaking the law. Barry and Vale FoE have seen the detailed proposals for Model Farm and are appalled at the proposal to cover the fields above Porthkerry Park with industries and roads. We will be opposing these proposals all the way. FoE's opposition to the dumping of Hinkley Nuclear Power Station's mud on our shores will now be taken up in a special committee set up by our Government. This will examine in detail the proposal for thousands more tons of radioactive waste to be transferred across the Channel. We wonder if the incendiary bomb discovered on Penarth beach last week could be a consequence of previous mud dredging activity at the Hinkley Nuclear Site?

The next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, on Tuesday, March 3, at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

Keith Stockdale, Barry and Vale FoE Coordinator.

'Art is important'

AS a child, I looked forward immensely to going to the library after school.

I hid my favourite books in the fiction section knowing that my friends didn't usually look there. We were only allowed two books at a time, which I usually read in two days. This wonderful place had lots to offer; there were maps and old issues of picture books of paintings. There were huge paintings on the walls and on the stairway, Dutch masters featuring people in the snow on ice rinks and people after a massacre. What an impact this had on me a young girl in the 50s and 60s. It is important for children of every age to experience seeing works of art, professional and unprofessional, in the local environment and this is my support for keeping Arts Central open for as long as we need it.

Diane Baker, Barry Arts Central.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL MARCH 5

Date	Time	Height (metres)
27/02/2020	08.46	9.4
27/02/2020	20.54	9.3
28/02/2020	09.15	9.2
28/02/2020	21.23	9.1
29/02/2020	09.42	9.0
29/02/2020	21.53	8.8
01/03/2020	10.13	8.6
01/03/2020	22.29	8.3
02/03/2020	10.53	8.2
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04/03/2020	00.19	7.5
04/03/2020	13.09	7.4
05/03/2020	01.53	7.3
05/03/2020	14.44	7.7

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Carpet-gate is most 'extreme' battle in pub's history, boss says

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THE businessman revealed that he'd offered to remove the carpet once it has worn out in a few years' time.

Mr Martin explained: "I just think it has gotten out of hand. It doesn't make any sense to the public.

"We had the best of intentions. We spent nearly £1m buying the building next door to the pub and improving facilities.

"We always try to incorporate local history into the design of our pubs."

Mr Martin added: "It is a shame to have a pub, which people like, getting involved in this sort of controversy.

"We made an offer to take the carpet out once it has worn out, which will probably be in three or so years.

"I would like to find an amicable resolution because this is ridiculous."

Talking about his recent meeting with councillors, Mr Martin said: "I did get a courteous reception.

"The councillors were polite. Hopefully it was constructive."

And he reckoned that it would be a "waste of time and money" if the town council took his business to the Court of Chivalry, a court set up in the 14th century to settle disputes involving coats of arms.

Minutes of the private meeting said that Mr Martin "noted that there had not been a situation this extreme in JD Wetherspoon's history and felt that it was important to reach a resolution."

The official document added: "Mr Martin noted that he felt it was not necessary to get into an argument over a small area of carpet.

"He further noted that he felt the public's perception was that the council was being too extreme in requesting a specially designed carpet be removed."

The offending carpet with furniture on top, which was deemed 'disrespectful' by town councillors.

Barry's Sir Samuel Romilly pub. Both photos credited to Wales News Service.

Councillors resolved to wait for Mr Martin to come up with a string of possible resolutions, which are set to be discussed later this month.

A spokesman for Barry Town Council said: "The council has asked Wetherspoon to remove the carpet bearing the Coat of Arms.

"That is because the Arms have been granted to the council by the Crown, and whilst the council's practice is to authorise use of the Arms by local community groups and bodies which it wishes to endorse and support, it is inappropriate for organisations, and in particular commercial organisations, to adopt the Arms without obtaining the council's consent.

The spokesman added: "The council, however, remains hopeful that a resolution acceptable to both parties can be agreed, which will avoid the undesirable costs of court proceedings, and which respects both the council's need to control the use of its Arms, and Wetherspoon's desire to be associated with and serve the community.

"That was why Mr Martin was invited to attend the council meeting in January, and the council is due to explore this possibility further with Wetherspoon at the end of this month.

"In the light of those ongoing discussions it is inappropriate for the Council to comment further on the detail of the dispute at this stage".

Football club scores cash boost for new facilities

A JUNIOR football club in Barry is preparing to give its changing rooms a facelift, after receiving funding from a regional housebuilder.

Barry Athletic Football Club has been handed £1,000 by Persimmon Homes East Wales through its Community Champions scheme. Each month the housebuilder donates up to £1,000 each to two groups or individuals in the area. The community club provides sporting opportunities to more than 200 local children aged four to 14.

The donation will contribute towards renovating the changing facilities at the Paget Road ground, which are in need of an upgrade. The overall cost of the project is set to be £3,000. The new facilities will be shared between the football club and the Barry Athletic Cricket Club, which will use the changing rooms in the summer months.

Club chairman Adrian Gratton, who applied for the funding on behalf of Barry Athletic Football Club, said: "We are so grateful for the donation. The changing facilities are currently in dire condition, so a renovation is very much needed. The club has raised just over £1,000 so far thanks to a quiz and races night."

Victoria Williams of Persimmon Homes East Wales, said: "It's great to get behind Barry Athletic Football Club. We hope the new changing facilities help the club continue their great work."

Success for rock band

A BRIDGEND rock band have joined music giants such as Green Day, Lewis Capaldi and Ed Sheeran in the UK charts with their newest album.

Those Damn Crows held the number six spot in the Official Midweek Albums Chart for three days before finishing at number 14 in the UK's Official Albums Chart on Thursday, February 20 with new album *Point of No Return* which came out on Friday, February 7.

The five-piece-band consists of frontman Shane Greenhall from Bridgend, guitarists Ian "Shiner" Thomas from Ogmore Vale and David Winchurch from Bridgend, bassist Lloyd Wood from Bridgend and drummer Ronnie Huxford from Pontycymmer.

Shane, 38, said: "It's incredible to be honest, we're just five boys from Bridgend and we're up there with the big boys like Green Day and I think Eminem is up there too.

"To be at number six and to stay there for three days is incredible. We're absolutely over the moon, it was a tough week to release a record as well."

Shane said he had been in bands with 38-year-old Ronnie and 40-year-old Shiner before. Those Damn Crows formed in 2014 with the addition of 38-year-old Dave, and 29-year-old Lloyd joined a bit later.

Those Damn Crows, who are signed to independent Nottingham based company Earache, said they "hoped" to be a professional band.

Shane said: "We're not youngsters anymore. I was first in bands with Ronnie and Shiner, and we've always done different things but it has always been the dream to play professionally. When I got back together with the boys and we recorded some demos, I thought 'hold on, this is really good. This could happen'. We always hoped it would."

Those Damn Crows, who are regularly played on Planet Rock radio which has continuously supported them as well as BBC Radio Wales, also stormed the Official Rock and Metal Albums Chart as they held the number two position for a week from Friday, February 14, behind Green Day's new album *Father of All*. This week, which began on Friday, February 21, the band held onto the number four spot in the rock charts – the current week is set to end today, Thursday, February 27.

To add to Those Damn Crow's chart victory, the band, pictured below right, were also crowned number one in the Official Independent Albums Chart for one week from Friday, February 14.

South Wales is known for its thriving music scene, and popular alternative venues like Hobos in Bridgend and Fuel in Cardiff. When asked about his advice to aspiring bands or musicians in the scene, Shane said: "Just play anywhere and forget about money. We were lucky when we were kids because there were more open mic nights and jam nights, but just play anywhere – that way you will get to meet other musicians and bands as well. Forget about the money because you're not got going to make any at the start."

Point of No Return is available to buy in shops and online as well as to stream.

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Online vegan Indian delivery service launches

TIFFIN Rasoi is launching veganrasoi.co.uk – UK's first online vegan Indian delivery service in Barry.

Barry's popular takeaway, Tiffin Rasoi, pioneers of Indian street food in Barry is now tapping into the ever-growing demand for plant-based and meat-free options from customers with the launch of VeganRasoi.co.uk.

VeganRasoi.co.uk is the first fully online vegan Indian delivery service in Barry by the award winning team of Tiffin Rasoi. The menu includes everything from exciting small plates, delicious mains to tasty sides. Vegans will be spoilt with the new range of mouthwatering dishes.

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No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The road to be closed is Mill Road Dinas Powys from the junction with Elm Grove Road to the junction with Stacey Road

Reason: To allow for gas main works to be undertaken.

Duration: From 8.00am on Monday 9th March 2020 until 8.00pm on Friday 3rd April 2020.

Alt. Route: Local signed diversions will be in place.

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Director of Environment & Housing
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Youngsters use art to showcase town's history

PUPILS from Albert Primary School in Penarth recently took part in a mono-printing workshop with artists, focusing on the town's rich history and how it has changed over the centuries.

Art duo 'V and O', Pandora Vaughan and Huw Owen, delivered the workshop to the school's eco group, who've been studying their environment. The pupils discussed what 'heritage' meant to them and the historic transformation of the town. They considered how everyday life has evolved for the residents of Penarth and identified what aspects of the area were important to them.

They then created mono-prints, inspired by their ideas of place, nature and wider environmental issues, key venues and buildings, and other things they valued and enjoyed doing. Cllr Kathryn McCaffer joined the students for the workshop. She said: "This was a brilliant opportunity for these young people to work with professional artists while also engaging with their town's rich culture.

"The workshop is part of a wider consultation process to develop art works for the seating areas along Paget Road, and so it was valuable to have the input of Penarth's younger generation in the shaping of its future."

As part of the consultation process, the Vale Council have commissioned 'V and O' to undertake a program of community engagement events with residents. Penarth residents are invited to attend and share their ideas to help develop new creative interpretations for the Paget Road site.

Email tcharding@valeoflgmaorgan.gov.uk or call Arts Development on 01446 709805 if you'd like to get involved in the project..

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Location:/Lleoliad: Penllyn Castle, Penllyn
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Proposal:/Cynnig: Internal alterations to first floor to re-link with main building. Repair and replacement of existing windows and insertion of roof light
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Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

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Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2019/01426/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed waste recycling (Aggregates) compound adjacent to Channel View Aggregates
Location:/Lleoliad: The Compound, Dock View Road, Barry

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2020/00117/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed redevelopment of the side incorporating the erection of five separate B1 office buildings, retention and change of use of existing farmhouse to provide a conference facility and associated car parking and landscaping
Location:/Lleoliad: Darren Farm, Westgate, Cowbridge

May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2020/00054/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of new stone boundary wall
Location:/Lleoliad: Ty Carreg, West Aberthaw

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 27 February, 2020

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry.
CF63 4RT

Enfys Craft Fair

THE next Enfys Craft Fair is on March 7 from 10am until 4pm at St Francis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry, CF62 6NX.

Enfys Fair is the place to buy gifts and cards for mothers.

There will also be a selection of jewellery, bags, cushions, hearts, wooden boxes, other wooden gifts and paintings.

The March charity will be the RNLI, Royal National Lifeboat Institute, Barry branch. The Barry Dock Lifeboat is regularly seen on the water around the Vale of Glamorgan coastline where the beaches and channel are extremely busy all year round; their lifeguards keep our beaches safe.

The next craft fair will be held on April 7.

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The Penarth fundraising group for Cancer Research UK is having a Spring fair on Saturday, February 29, in the Conservative Club in Penarth, 2pm to 3.45pm. There will be cakes, preserves, crafts, cards and other stalls.

Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers

On March 4 the meeting will feature Wendy Davies from Carmarthenshire, who will be our demonstrator for the evening.
Her subject will be 'Let's get Fresh' at the Lesser Hall at 7.30pm. New Members are always welcome.

Breakfast get-together

KPC in Pyle are organising their quarterly breakfast get-together for local groups, organisations and businesses supporting communities in Pyle, Kenfig Hill, Cornelly and surrounds.
This project is a chance to find out about what we all do locally for our community – events, services we offer, and for us all to gain a get a greater understanding of what great work is being done. If you're a local organisation/group or business delivering services to our local community from children to adults, please get in touch. Come along for a bacon roll and a cuppa from 8.30am at KPC in Pyle on Thursday, March 5; contact Alison for more information on 01656 749219 or email: info@kpcyouth.com.

PACT meetings

Meet your local officer at Atlantic College (next to the food hall) on Thursday, February 27 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.
Llangeinor PACT meeting at Llangeinor Football Club, Llangeinor on Wednesday, March 11 at 7pm.

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CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
A4226 A WAYCOCK ROAD (FIVE MILE LANE GYNT), Y BARRI – CYNNIG I DDIRYMU'R GORCHYMYN CYFYNGIADAU CYFLYMDER 40 MYA PRESENNOL A GORCHYMYN NEWYDD 30MYA, CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 40MYA A DADGYFYNGU 2020

1. Ar 21 Chwefror 2020, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan adrannau 1, 2 ac 84 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlenni isod.
2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar y 2 Mawrth 2020 neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr arwyddion a marciau ffordd yn eu lle, pa un bynnag yw'r hwyraf a chyfeirir atynt fel Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (A4226 a Waycock Road (Five Mile Lane gynt), y Barri – Cynnig i Ddirymu'r Gorchymyn Cyfyngu Cyflymder 40mya Presennol a'r Gorchymyn Newydd 30mya, 40mya (Cyfyngiad Cyflymder a Dadgyfyngu) 2020. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynllun yn dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.
3. Os dymunwch gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad yw'n unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos wedi 2 Mawrth 2020 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd deithio'n gyflymach na'r hyn a nodwyd yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn yr Atodlenni isod.

ATODLEN 2

Bwriad i ddirymu'r Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Llwybr yr A4226 (Five Mile Lane y Barri) (Gorchymyn Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 40mya) 2020 – Cyfeirnod 640
Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 30mya Arfaethedig
Waycock Road, (Five Mile Lane gynt)
O'r pen troi, tua 70 metr i'r de-ddwyrain o ganol ei chyffordd â Fferm Cwm Derwyn, i gyfeiriad y gogledd yn gyffredinol am bellter o tua 3,650metr.
Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 40mya Arfaethedig
Llwybr A4226
O'r gyffordd gylchfan â Llwybr A4226, Waycock Cross (Port Road West), i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin am bellter o tua 1,360 metr.
Dadgyfyngu Arfaethedig (Terfyn Cyflymder Cenedlaethol)
Llwybr A4226
O bwynt 1,360metr i'r gogledd-orllewin o'i chyffordd gylchfan â llwybr A4226, Waycock Cross (Port Road West), i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin yn gyffredinol am bellter o
tua 3,465 metr ac yn cyffinio â'r dadgyfyngu presennol (Terfyn Cyflymder Cenedlaethol)
Lôn heb ei henwi i Northcliff
O'r gyffordd â Llwybr A4226 i gyfeiriad y dwyrain am tua
250 metr ac yn cyffinio â'r dadgyfyngu presennol (Terfyn Cyflymder Cenedlaethol).
Lôn heb ei henwi i Ddyffryn
O'r gyffordd â Llwybr A4226 i gyfeiriad y dwyrain am tua
205 metr ac yn cyffinio â'r dadgyfyngu presennol (Terfyn Cyflymder Cenedlaethol).

Dyddiad: 27 Chwefror 2020.
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
A4226 AND WAYCOCK ROAD (FORMERLY FIVE MILE LANE), BARRY – PROPOSED REVOCATION OF EXISTING 40MPH SPEED RESTRICTION ORDER AND NEW 30MPH, 40MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND DERESTRICTION ORDER 2020

1. On the 21st February 2020 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.
2. The Order will come into operation on the 2nd March 2020 or on the date that the signs and road markings are in place, whichever is the later and shall be referred to as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4226 and Waycock Road (Formerly Five Mile Lane), Barry –Proposed Revocation of Existing 40mph Speed Restriction Order and New 30mph, 40mph (Speed Restriction and Derestriction) Order 2020. A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
3. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 2nd March 2020 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than that referred to in the locations specified in the Schedules below.

SCHEDULE 2

Proposed revocation of the following Traffic Regulation Order
The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Route A4226 Five Mile Lane, Barry) (40 mph Speed
Restriction) Order 2002 – Reference 640
Proposed 30mph Speed Restriction
Waycock Road (Formerly Five Mile Lane)
From the turning head, approximately 70metres southeast of the centre of its junction with Cwm Derwyn Farm, in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 3,650metres.
Proposed 40mph Speed Restriction
Route A4226
From its roundabout junction with Route A4226, Waycock Cross (Port Road West), in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 1,360 metres.
Proposed Derestriction (National Speed Limit)
Route A4226
From a point 1,360metres northwest of its roundabout junction with Route A4226, Waycock Cross (Port Road West), in a generally north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 3,465 metres and contiguous with the existing derestriction (national speed limit).
Un-named Lane to Northcliff
From its junction with Route A4226 in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 250 metres and contiguous with the existing derestriction (national speed limit).
Un-named Lane to Dyffryn
From its junction with Route A4226, in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 205 metres and contiguous with the existing derestriction (national speed limit).

Dated this 27th day of February 2020.
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA

Leisure centre gets spruce up

REFURBISHMENT works to create a modern, open-plan changing village at the Vale Council's Penarth Leisure Centre have been completed.

There are pool changing facilities with new showers and toilets, along with revamped dry sports changing areas.

The 'changing village' has cubicles and lockers on offer to create a fully accessible space that gives all users more privacy, while groups and families have more space to change together.

The new village includes: An additional entrance area; individual changing cubicles; group changing areas; family changing cubicles; open and cubicle showering; male and female toilets; accessible WC, changing cubicles and showers.

The modern facilities provide clean, bright and open-plan changing spaces. A no-shoes policy will be in place in pool changing areas to improve hygiene and maintenance.

Cllr Kathryn McCaffer said: "These new facilities will offer users of Penarth Leisure Centre a modern, comfortable space in which to change. They provide more privacy if required, while families and groups also have the option of changing together.

"This upgrading follows on from similar work carried out at Barry Leisure Centre last year. We hope such improvements will make visiting our leisure centres a more enjoyable experience and encourage a greater number of residents to become active."

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"The young couple were delighted with the good news," said Mr Harding, a professional jeweller.

He went on to say, "The couple asked me not to reveal the exact amount they received but I can confirm we are talking thousands of pounds."

HIDDEN TREASURE

Like most readers you probably have dreamt about winning the pools or fnding a pot of gold.

Many households have hidden treasure sitting around with the owners not knowing the true value. Well, this week is your chance to visit Barry.

Mr Harding added, "With many years of experience in valuing and purchasing watches, jewellery and gems, I could tell you many stories when people have visited a roadshow with items that were seemingly of little value to them." Whilst reading this article, many readers will be thinking of an old item or a piece of unused jewellery.

VALUATION

Mr Harding added, "The reasons behind choosing Barry is because it's well situated and well known to local people. The roadshow will be the last of its kind to visit the area. Many items are hoped to be found."

Your help is needed to make this unusual event a success with a free valuation service and no obligation to sell, what is there to lose?

Things you should look for and take next week include broken rings, old chains, pocket watches, old silver, diamond and gem set jewellery (even with stones missing), old pictures, objects d'art, coins, medals and virtually anything old or interesting.

Their buyers urgently require stock for collectors and overseas customers, and are offering an instant cash settlement on any items they buy.

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Rhaid danfon ceisiadau ar neu cyn 11 Mawrth 2020.

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Er mwyn cael pecynnau cais cysylltwch ag Emily Forbes, Prif Swyddog (Clerc y Dref), Neuadd Y Dref, Sgwâr Y Brenin, Heol Holton, Y Barri, CF63 4RW/ info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk

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Barry Town Council's new Small Business Grant Scheme is designed to help improve already established businesses in Barry and maximise their potential for growth. The Council is committed to working towards A Prosperous Barry as one of its seven wellbeing goals. In its Corporate Plan, the Council has committed to promote local businesses and support a thriving local economy in Barry. A Prosperous Barry means skilled and well educated people, generating wealth for the local economy, providing employment opportunities, securing decent jobs and tackling poverty.

Applications must be returned by or before 11 March 2020.

Council staff will be available, by appointment, to assist organisations in completing their applications. For more information or to book an appointment with a member of staff to assist with your application email marksims@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01446 738663.
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Council leader Neil Moore talks climate change and parking in his monthly column

I'M writing this month's column in the aftermath of storms Ciara and Dennis, which are among the worst I can remember, particularly as they were in succession and after one of the wettest periods in our recent history.

This certainly makes you realise, not just by looking at Britain but worldwide, that we are experiencing extreme phenomena, and this must be a direct result of climate change.

If anyone doesn't believe that climate change exists, then explain it to those people in Wales and beyond who have been affected.

My heart goes out to them, especially those who live and work in our neighbouring Authorities of Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil. I have never known places like Taff's Well or Treforest Industrial Estate being flooded in that way previously. Thankfully we were spared this time!

As a Council, we acted promptly, with our Emergency Response Team immediately going into action, helping to keep disruption to a minimum locally, while at the same time also offering assistance to some other Authorities that were worse hit, like RCT.

I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff who carried out their duties in some of the worst possible conditions. We are indebted to them, particularly as this work is carried out by many of the same staff who daily help keep our streets clean and pick up and remove our refuse and recycling; they are a credit to our service.

Hopefully, on a brighter note, with spring around the corner, better weather is on the way and we will all have the opportunity to enjoy the many top-notch resorts and facilities we are blessed with in the Vale.

In terms of progressing our policies, we have recommended to Council the budget proposals for next year. Although we have been lucky in receiving extra funding from the Welsh Government, we still have to ensure that our services to the public are maintained.

As part of providing those services, you might have noticed that the Council's Cabinet last week released its new proposals regarding car parking.

After listening closely to residents, businesses and others, we have recommended new proposals which are both reasonable and proportionate and allow us to maintain our car parks in town centres, resorts and country parks.

Crucially, there will be no charging for on-street parking anywhere in the Vale.

We will not charge to park at Country Parks before 10am and there will be at least two hours free parking in designated 'shoppers car parks' in Barry and Cowbridge.

Regrettably, I notice that some politicians, who previously wanted more draconian proposals, have been describing this proposal as a Council u-turn. What is conveniently being overlooked is the fact that last year's Draft Parking Strategy was the work of a completely different administration and so this is certainly not a u-turn.

I consider the new parking proposals to be fair and reasonable. They will not fleece residents, as was suggested previously. In fact, when in opposition, my colleagues and I opposed any form of on-street parking charge, something we have ensured is the case.

We also argued there should be no charges at non-resort coastal car parks like Cold Knap, Bron y Mor, Cwm Colhuw, Cliff Walk, Llwyn Passat, West Farm and Portobello – and we have stuck by those principles too.

These new proposals have reversed many of the charges previously put forward and I believe represent a fair and reasonable approach to car parking.

We are proposing to change the charging at Barry Island car parks to make them all-year round, reflecting our current charges at Southerndown and Ogmore-by-Sea. Any additional income raised at these resort car parks will help to support the services required to maintain the resorts in the light of them becoming all-year-round destinations.

There would also be a small charge to park at country parks from 10am, with up to two hours parking costing £1, four hours £2 or all day £4.

Also, reasonably priced six-month or 12-month parking permits will be available for residents and businesses who use either our resort car parks or country park car parks more regularly.

We also want to create a greater turnover of visitors at our two major shopping areas and so intend creating two shoppers' car parks at Wyndham Street in Barry and the Town Hall car park in Cowbridge. These would be free to use for up to two hours after which the charges would be £2 for up to four hours and £6 for all-day parking.

We have been mindful of those people who work in our towns and will not charge to park on-street, in the two pocket car parks at Kendrick Road and Thompson Street or at the multi-storey car park in Barry. Similarly, there will be free car parking in the Butts in Cowbridge.

I appreciate that any car parking charges are likely to prove unpopular, but it is important to be clear about why they are necessary. We will also be making parking enforcement a priority and will be stringent in that area.

To assist in that enforcement, we will take remedial measures to signpost visitors to the car parks and put in place signage to discourage anyone parking in residential areas. Following on from that, we will consider if any new residential parking permit areas are needed to be put in place.

So far, these proposals have been greeted positively and seen as a sensible way forward and again I emphasise that any income would be reinvested, helping us maintain and improve these facilities.

Cllr Neil Moore, leader of the Vale Council.

MP furious at tax increases

AHEAD of this week's crucial vote in the Vale of Glamorgan Council on the next year's Council Tax rate, figures have been released which highlight the shocking escalation of charges on residents by the local authority.

Local MP Alun Cairns has unearthed figures which show the Vale of Glamorgan Council have increased council tax by almost double, compared to the average in England over the last decade.

Research undertaken by the House of Commons Library shows the Vale of Glamorgan has increased the council tax for Band D properties by 43% since 2010, whereas the average increase throughout England for this period stands at just 22%. This hike in tax sees residents from Band D properties in the Vale being charged £466 a year more in 2019/2020 than in 2010/2011.

On Wednesday, Vale of Glamorgan councillors will vote on a further increase of 4.9%, while inflation is only 1.8%. Alun Cairns has criticised local politicians who have voted in favour of these increases and is calling on them to reject this year's additional increase of 4.9%.

He said: "As Secretary of State for Wales I negotiated a new settlement which sees Wales receive £120 for every £100 spent in England, and so it is shocking to discover the figures between Wales and England differ so much. Yet again, residents in Vale are being used as a cash cow.

"These increases simply undermine the work being done to attract investment. We are engaging with businesses who are interested in relocating to the Vale but the council is painting a picture of taxing when they can – with increases in council tax and new parking charges."

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR AROS A LLWYTHO A MANNAU PARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 1) 2020

1. Ar 25 Chwefror 2020 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, greu Gorchymyn i osod y cyfyngiadau parcio a nodir yn yr atodlen isod.
2. Bydd y Gorchymyn yn dod i rym ar 2 Mawrth 2020 neu ar y dyddiadau y mae'r arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd yn eu lle neu'n cael eu gwaredu, p'un bynnag sydd hwyraf ac fe'i gelwir yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Aros a Llwytho a Mannau Parcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiad) (Rhif 1) 2020"
3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn ynghyd â chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardal y bydd yn effeithio arni yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.
4. Os dymunwch gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad yw'n unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos wedi 2 Mawrth 2020 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Aros a Llwytho a Mannau Parcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN

Insert into map schedule R23 S23

Cynnig Gwahardd Aros / Llwytho / Dad-lwytho ar Unrhyw Adeg

Lôn Ddienw o flaen Ysgol Gynradd Llan-gan.

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin, o'r gyffordd â Timbers Green am 79 metr i'r de-ddwyrain.

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin, o'r gyffordd â Timbers Green am 34 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain.

Timbers Green.

Ar y ddwy ochr o'r gyffordd â'r lôn ddienw o flaen Ysgol Gynradd Llan-gan, am 8 metr tua'r gogledd-orllewin.

Dyddiad: 27 Chwefror 2020.
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Depo'r Alpau,
Gwenfô CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO1) ORDER 2020

1. On the 25th February 2020 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order to install the parking restrictions specified in the schedule below.
2. The Order will come into operation on 2nd March 2020 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are removed or installed whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement)(Amendment) (No 1) Order 2020"
3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected area may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 2nd March 2020 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Insert into map schedule R23 S23

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting/Loading/Unloading At Any Time.

Unnamed Road that Fronts Llangan Primary School.

On the north-westerly side from its junction with Timbers Green for a distance of 79 metres in a south-easterly direction.

On the north-westerly side from its junction with Timbers Green for a distance of 34 metres in a north-easterly direction.

Timbers Green.

On both sides from its junction with the unnamed road that fronts Llangan Primary School for a distance of 8 metres in a north-westerly direction.

Dated this 27th day of February 2020.
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Alps Depot,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG_ B4265 (RHAN) ABEROGWR A SOUTHERNDOWN CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30MYA A 40MYA DIWYGIO) 2020

1. Ar 25 Chwefror 2020, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan adrannau 1, 2 ac 84 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi
   eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlenni isod.
2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 2 Mawrth 2020 neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr arwyddion traffig a'r marciau ffordd mewn lle pa un bynnag ddaw olaf a chyfeirir ato fel Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg B4265 (Rhan) Aberogwr a Southerndown Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 30 MYA a 40MYA (Diwygiad) 2020.
3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a map yn dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.
4. Os dymunwch gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad yw'n unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos wedi 2 Mawrth 2020 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

Insert into map schedule T6 U6 U5

Diwygio'r Gorchymyn Rheoliadau Traffig canlynol.

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Llwybr B4265 Aberogwr a Southerndown) (Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 30mya a 40mya) 2002

Diddymu'r paragraff canlynol dan Atodlen 2:

'Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn peri i unrhyw gerbyd deithio ar gyflymder sy'n uwch na 40mya ar Lwybr B4524 Aberogwr i Southerndown o bwynt 230 metr tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Sutton Road, Aberogwr tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am bellter o tua 3700 o fetrau (i gyd-fynd â'r cyfyngiadau 30mya cyfredol)'

Ei newid i'r paragraff canlynol:

'Ni fydd unrhyw berson beri i unrhyw gerbyd deithio ar gyflymder sy'n uwch na 40mya ar Lwybr B4524 Aberogwr i Southerndown o bwynt 230 metr tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Sutton Road, Aberogwr tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am bellter o oddeutu 1570 o fetrau o bwynt 2400 i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Sutton Road, Aberogwr tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am tua 1570 o fetrau (i gyd-fynd â'r cyfyngiadau 30mya cyfredol)'

Ychwanegu'r paragraff canlynol newydd:

Ni fydd unrhyw berson beri i unrhyw gerbyd deithio ar gyflymder sy'n uwch na 30mya ar Lwybr B4524 Aberogwr i Southerndown o bwynt 1800 o fetrau tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Sutton Road, Aberogwr tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am bellter o tua 600 metr (i gyd-fynd â'r cyfyngiadau 30mya cyfredol).

Dyddiad: 27 Chwefror 2020.
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL B4265 (PART) OGMORE BY SEA AND SOUTHERNDOWN 30 MPH AND 40MPH SPEED RESTRICTION (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020

1. On the 25th February 2020 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.
2. The Order will come into operation on the 2nd March 2020 or on the date that the signs and road markings are in place, whichever is the later and shall be referred to as The Vale of Glamorgan Council B4265 (Part) Ogmore by Sea and Southerndown 30mph and 40mph Speed Restriction (Amendment) Order 2020
3. A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 2nd March 2020 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Insert into map schedule T6 U6 U5

Amend the following Traffic Regulations Order.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Route B4265 Ogmore by Sea and Southerndown)

(30mph & 40mph Speed Restriction) Order 2002

Revoke the following paragraph under Schedule 2:

'No person shall cause any vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 40 mph on Route B4524 Ogmore by Sea to Southerndown from a point 230 metres north east of its junction with Sutton Road, Ogmore by Sea north-eastwards for a distance of approximately 3700 metres (to run contiguous with existing 30mph restrictions)'

Replace with the following paragraph:

No person shall cause any vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 40 mph on Route B4524 Ogmore by Sea to Southerndown from a point 230 metres north east of its junction with Sutton Road, Ogmore by Sea north-eastwards for a distance of approximately 1570 metres from a point 2400 metres north east of its junction with Sutton Road, Ogmore by Sea north-eastwards for a distance of approximately 1570 metres (to run contiguous with existing 30mph restrictions).

Add the following new paragraph:

No person shall cause any vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph on Route B4524 Ogmore by Sea to Southerndown from a point 1800 metres north east of its junction with Sutton Road, Ogmore by Sea north-eastwards for a distance of approximately 600 metres (to run contiguous with existing 30mph restrictions).

Dated this 27th day of February 2020.
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA

COMMUNITY NEWS

Vale Makers

VALE Makers enjoyed a very successful inaugural year in 2019, bringing locally-made craft to a wider audience.

With their first craft festival in September 2019 and Christmas Makers Market at the Old Hall in December, they were delighted by the support from visitors calling in to browse the fabulous crafts on display. Feedback was entirely positive, commenting on the high quality and so many talented craftspeople operating so close to Cowbridge.

It is hoped to build on the progress this year; membership is steadily growing, but the group is keen to add to their numbers. If you are a maker in the rural Vale producing high-end craft, they would love to hear from you. Application forms and more information can be obtained by contacting hello@valemakers.org.

News from Treoes, Llangan and St Mary Hill

THE Llangan village road closure for maintenance work originally planned for two days was only closed for one by Openreach, reducing the inconvenience to the village, *reports Nancy Davidge.*

The next service at Saron Chapel will take place on Sunday, March 8 at 3pm with Rev Daphne Parker officiating. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

Interesting talks for Friends and Neighbours

FRIENDS and Neighbours held a busy February meeting at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall with new members being made welcome.

Sue Dyer with her beautiful Labrador Sid gave members a moving talk on her journey with blindness and how Sid has made her life so different.

Her talk on the services that Guide Dogs for the Blind give including puppy training gave members an awareness of the importance of the organisation. A vote of thanks was given and a collection taken.

Members enjoyed refreshments, followed by an interesting talk by Nic Hodges on Victorian Barry in the 1880s to 1910. He told tales of local characters relating to hospitals and pubs.

Members are now looking forward to the trip to Porthcawl early in March. Contact coordinator Gay Fifield on 01446 400044 for further information.

Living with Cancer Strollers go on safari!

IN Africa, the 'Big Five' are a huge attraction for people visiting the safari parks: rhino, lion, elephant, leopard and buffalo.

On the Living with Cancer stroll in February the group were treated to the Little Five and enjoyed spotting a rabbit, squirrel, Dalmatian, blue tit and pigeon! Eyes could be occasionally lifted from the mud below our feet to enjoy the wildlife, as walkers had to be very careful to navigate themselves through the quagmire created by Storm Ciara the previous weekend. Two new walkers were welcomed to the group and enjoyed the walking, talking and refreshments.

If you want to join us, we are back to our normal schedule in March: the first Thursday of the month, 10.30am at Cosmeston Country Park.

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PACT in the Vale

COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Dyfan PACT will be held at the Barry Fire Station, Port Road West, Barry, on Monday, March 2 at 7pm at Barry Fire Station.

'Cuppa with a Copper' will be held at Penarth Library on Thursday, February 27 at 1.30pm.

Meet your local officer at Atlantic College (next to the food hall) on Thursday, February 27 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or visit

www.south-wales.police.uk for contact details for your local PCSO for non emergency matters.

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Specsavers' home-visiting service makes sure that people who struggle to leave their homes unaccompanied are not forgotten, as they bring the optician to them

DID you know that eye care is available in your own home? According to a recent YouGov survey*, 58% of over 50s in the UK are unaware that people can have their eyes tested at home, or in sheltered accommodation or care homes. This applies to people who cannot visit a high street optician unaccompanied due to a physical or mental illness or disability. The eye tests are funded by the NHS for those people who are eligible.

Specsavers is prepared to go the distance to protect the nation's eye health with their home-visiting service. More than two million people in the UK are living with sight loss, and nearly 40% of them, most of whom are aged over 70, could have their sight improved by wearing correctly prescribed glasses.

Yet only one in three people who are eligible for a free NHS-funded home eye test are currently benefiting from this amazing service.

About Specsavers home visits

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If the eye test shows that you need glasses, Specsavers' team will help you choose and try on new glasses from a range of 160 different styles. Specsavers' aim is to improve the overall confidence of older people, helping them to look good and feel good too. What's more, if you qualify for NHS funding, you may also be eligible for free glasses from their £19-£49 range.

A caring partnership

Housebound customers can also take advantage of Specsavers' partnership with Royal Voluntary Service, whose trusted volunteers can support their clients at home during their eye tests. This year the partnership will see the charity's 18,000 volunteers mobilised to inform thousands of eligible UK residents about Specsavers' home-visiting service.

Stella Green, 99, is a Specsavers home visits customer. Macular degeneration and cataracts have left her with impaired vision, which means she needs more support at home, so she's visited weekly by Royal Voluntary Service volunteer John Aylward.

Stella says that she was impressed by the eye test offered by the Specsavers home-visiting team: 'The test was very thorough, and it was really comfortable having it in my own home. Having them come to see me makes me feel like a star and that I'm very important!'

For more information about Specsavers visiting you or your loved one at home, visit specsavers.co.uk/home-eye-tests or call **0800 089 0144**

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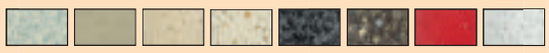

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Youngsters show racism the red card

PUPILS from Jenner Park and St Cyres schools were recently joined by the leader and deputy leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council for a workshop, hosted in partnership with the charity Show Racism the Red Card.

Cllrs Neil Moore and Lis Burnett took part in the morning session, which saw the youngsters discuss what racism is and why people may discriminate against one another.

The students were then tasked with writing a newspaper article recalling incidences of racism, both historic and more recent.

For the afternoon session, Barry Town and Cwmbran Town players Kayne Mclaggon and Sean Wharton took part in a Q&A session.

They were joined by Youth Champion and Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture, Cllr Kathryn McAffer.

During the Q&A, pupils posed questions to the trio, including whether Kayne and Sean had themselves been victims of or had witnessed racial abuse, and what to do if they were faced with racism. Prizes were given for the best questions.

Council Leader Cllr Neil Moore said: "We continue to value our partnership with Show Racism the Red Card. The work they do helps ensure that our children are educated about racism, and that they grow up understanding that people of all skin colours and nationalities deserve to be treated equally and with respect.

"The pupils were all incredibly engaged and contributed well to the sessions, they all agreed they'd learnt something new."

Flooding aftermath: 'Government's cuts must be revisited'

COMMENTING on the Welsh Government update on Storm Dennis and its Emergency Flood Summit on February 25, speaking outside the Senedd chamber, Shadow Minister for Environment, Andrew RT Davies AM/AC said: "The scenes across south Wales have been truly devastating, and my thoughts and sympathies remain with those who have been badly affected over past couple of weeks.

"With the post-mortem underway, the Welsh Labour Government's continued failure to publish a flood risk management strategy must be rectified as soon as possible so the most up-to-date defences and coastal risk management activities are implemented to protect communities across Wales.

"The Welsh Government and UK Government must also continue its joint approach to securing the safety of the thousands of coal tips that lie across South Wales, following the landslip we witnessed last week in Tylorstown.

"Finally, serious reconsideration must be afforded to the flatline budget given to Natural Resources Wales.

"As the Minister herself has previously conceded, Welsh Government budget decisions are impacting directly on the ability of NRW to deliver services and take on new duties, and this real-terms cut must be revisited, especially in light of the dramatic floods and the Welsh Government's declaration last year of a climate emergency."

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Prince Charles gets charity's daffodil appeal underway

PATIENTS at Marie Curie's hospice in Penarth and workers at Aston Martin's St Athan factory received a visit from Prince Charles last week.

His Royal Highness pulled up at the Aston Martin base in his own Volante convertible, which was given to him as a 21st birthday present from the Queen.

The Prince of Wales also jumped behind the wheel of the car manufacturer's new luxury DBX and took it for a test drive before chatting with workers on the factory floor.

During his visit, the heir to the throne placed a wings badge on the front of a DBX, which will be located in the reception area of the new Aston Martin facility.

The Prince – who also visited flood-hit Pontypridd – then made his way to Penarth for a tour of the Marie Curie Hospice.

His visit tied in with the charity's 60th anniversary and the launch of this year's Great Daffodil Appeal.

Prince Charles, who has been a patron of Marie Curie since 2003, met several patients and their families as well as hospice staff.

Actor and Marie Curie ambassador Suzanne Packer greeted the Prince before he unveiled a plaque to mark his visit and cut a daffodil cake, made by Michelin-starred chef James Sommerin.

His Royal Highness became the first person to sign the charity's Great Big Daffodil, which starts its UK-wide tour in Cwmbran and Cardiff this week.

Former Rhoose resident Maureen Russell, a patient at the hospice, was a volunteer cook in the Ladies' Army during World War Two.

The 97-year-old said about Prince Charles' visit: "He's a nice man and he does his job so well. He seems very down to earth and he held my hand which was nice. I told him to give my regards to his mother, I think she's doing a marvellous job."

Sarah Lloyd-Davies, hospice manager at the Marie Curie Hospice, said: "Welcoming His Royal Highness to the Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale is a very special moment for us, at an important time as we're celebrating the hospice's 60th anniversary year.

"It was great to have the opportunity to introduce His Royal Highness to some of our patients, their family, and our hospice staff and volunteers, as well as showcase how the hospice cares for people living with a terminal illness.

"It was clear to see just how important it is to him that people at the end of life get the care they need.

"As we've just launched our annual flagship fundraising campaign, the Great Daffodil Appeal, it's fitting that His Royal Highness heard personal stories from patients and staff, and took the time to sign our Great Big Daffodil petal, which will start a UK tour next week.

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Airport's Wear Red for Wales day raises £500 for charity

WORKERS at Cardiff Airport celebrated Wear Red for Wales and Velindre Day recently, raising more than £500 for the Airport's charity of the year, Velindre Cancer Centre.

The partnership enables Velindre and Cardiff Airport to work together on fundraising.

Departments helped to raise money by wearing red to work, collecting passenger donations and a 'Red-dy Steady Cook' bake-off event. Velindre's mascot Lomu the Lion, made a visit to the airport, surprising passengers in the departure lounge.

Lisa Morgan, chair of Cardiff Airport's charity committee said: "We are really proud of the team for their support and enthusiasm on our first charity event of the year, and are delighted to have helped raise important funds for Velindre. We are already looking forward to building on this success with our next event, a charity Quiz Night on February 28. Onwards and upwards!"

Kylie McKee of Velindre added: "Money raised from this campaign will help us fund projects to support children who have family members or friends living with cancer, and deliver counselling and other support services to patients, families and children: so thank you to Cardiff Airport for their support and helping us make a difference."

BBC to bring viewers a breath-taking visual tour of Wales

FOR the first time on television, the full story of the remarkable riches of the art of Wales will be set out – as well as the places, people and history that inspired it.

Presented by broadcaster Huw Stephens, The Story of Welsh Art will take viewers on a breath-taking visual tour of the nation, from stunning bronze-age artefacts to delicate medieval stained glass; from gentry portraits by master painters to folk art, some of the most thrilling and ground-breaking landscape art in the world to award-winning cutting edge contemporary pieces.

The programme will include both art made in Wales by homegrown artists as well as art of Wales by world-renowned artists.

Produced by Wildflame Productions, this three-part landmark production will air on BBC One Wales and BBC Four, and will bring the history of Welsh art to life in HD for the first time. It is expected to air early next year.

Huw Stephens said: "The Story of Welsh art is something I'm very much looking forward to making. I get to travel Wales to see the art that tells the story of our country, and meet those who have their own take on it. I'm hoping it's going to be a surprising, illuminating and fascinating journey."

BBC Cymru Wales head of commissioning Nick Andrews said: "This series is long overdue and in many ways a series of firsts: the first time we've told the sweeping history of the art of Wales in full, and the first time much of our art will have been captured in high definition with the very latest technology.

Director of BBC Arts Jonty Claypole said: "Welsh artists have always been at the cutting edge of artistic innovation. From the UK's first landscape artist, Richard Wilson, the striking portraits of Gwen John, to Bedwyr Williams' electrifying installations today. BBC Arts is proud to join with BBC Wales in putting a spotlight on this breathtaking story of creative vision, voice and virtuosity."

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NEWS FROM LOCAL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Dinas Powys WI's charity donations

DINAS Powys WI presented a cheque for £1,100 to the Welsh Air Ambulance Service and a similar amount was collected for the Dinas Powys Riding for the Disabled, the two charities supported by the Institute during 2019.

Cantorion Coety spring concerts

CANTORION Coety recently held their AGM, and were delighted to learn that the music team and the full committee were more than prepared to serve for another year.

President Dr John Elfed Jones said he was very proud of the performances given by Cantorion Coety during last year, especially the concerts given to support community activities – including their home community of Coity. It was great news to know that among those serving Cantorion Coety next year will be the musical director Eira Paskin, Eirianwen Stanford as chairperson and Sue Prosser, secretary.

Cantorion Coety are currently preparing for the St David's Day Cawl a Chân evening, as the guest choir with the Ogmore Vale Male Choir on March 1. Also, the choir have accepted an invitation to perform at the Porthcawl Pavilion on March 21. The concert will celebrate the sounds and landscapes of our Wales, under the title of Soundscapes, or Seinwedd, and is coordinated through Awen Cultural Trust.

ARJ

Townswomen's Guild enjoy lunch

SINCE my last report we have enjoyed two luncheons – always the most popular activity!

The first was at Finnegans: who can resist good fish and chips? Then we had our birthday luncheon at The Grove welcoming old friends from Cardiff. We had a very interesting talk at our last meeting from Gail Ivins telling us about 'Sea Glass Trinkets and Treasures'. We each received samples of her finds along the beaches, and she had a display of items she had made from these pieces. We will all be looking more closely at the beach now!

Our next meeting is on March 11 at 2pm at All Saints' Church hall , our AGM; and we will also have someone from Porthcawl National Coastguard Institution showing us a video of their work. We raised £500 for them recently, so it will be interesting to see how the money is used. Do come and find out for yourself!

DT

SE Asia talk for WI members

FOLLOWING our business meeting, Nick Thornton accompanied by his wife Anne, a member of Vale Photographic Society, gave an audio visual presentation entitled 'Scratching The Surface of South East Asia'.

His work was inspired by the cruise Nick and his wife Anne had taken in 2014. Nick managed to match evocative music with a proverb from each destination with visual images, very skilfully. We were transported from China and the Terracotta Army to the floating villages of Vietnam.

Next the moving icon of a liner, leading us across a map took us to Hong Kong with the bustling street markets contrasting with the dominating sky scrapers. After several other destinations we alighted in Singapore with the elegant Raffles hotel and Singapore's Merlion statue, which represents Singapore's origin as a fishing village.

Members gave Nick enthusiastic applause for his multi-media presentation.

President Jean had reminded members of upcoming events including those arranged for the sub groups, namely The Walkie Talkies, the craft group and the Culture Vultures. We also have a monthly social event.

Our February event was a quiz night at Aberthin village hall. Four teams competed for the prizes, which were won by The Abstainers, who relied on tea and coffee during the evening – unlike the other teams!

The next meeting is on Thursday, March 19 at The Lesser Hall, Cowbridge when Ava Plowright will give a talk on Shelter Cymru. All are welcome.

SBJ

THERE were two memorable occasions recently for the Penarth and District Ramblers – the group walk in the snow and then a celebration.

Despite a cold and wintry forecast, William and his nine companions set off to enjoy an 11-mile hike to the highest peak in the Black Mountains. Heading up through a dark pine forest to the Ffawyddog ridge and out onto open moorland and climbing onto higher ground, a biting north westerly wind hit them full on. Turning westwards along the escarpment, they decided to remain on high ground to take advantage of the glorious snowy views, as they trudged south, passing Y Grib or the Dragon's Back, before climbing to the 810-metre mark on Waun Fach.

As heavy clouds threatening more snowfall gathered above them, they moved on, slithering their way to the 800m Pen y Gadair Fawr and, as the weather began to close in, they carefully made the steep descent back to the Grwyne Fawr valley and their start point after an exhilarating day.

Ann from the group is a prime example of how exercise and contact with friends boosts both mental and physical well-being, and on Valentine's Day, she opted for a walk followed by lunch at the Blue Anchor in East Aberthaw, where she was joined by 36 ramblers to celebrate her birthday.

William and his fellow walkers went through Aberthaw Nature Reserve, along the coast to Gileston and inland through muddy fields to St Athan, then through the Rills Valley to the ruined East Orchard Castle high above the River Thaw.

Continuing by track to Baronswell and fields at the rear of Aberthaw Power Station and reaching Limpert Bay, the track behind the sea defence wall led them back to East Aberthaw.

Fifteen walkers joined Joy on a shorter walk which took in Port Road to Nurston, around the perimeter of Cardiff Airport to the coast to follow the Wales Coast Path back through Fontygary to Pleasant Harbour. There was another surprise for Ann when her daughter Angela, who lives in Germany, arrived to join the celebration.

Thanks to the Blue Anchor for their hospitality on such a busy day, to James and his fellow workers for the delicious food and to everyone who shared their love with Ann on this very special Valentine's Day.

On February 29, a nine-mile moderate/hard walk to Cwm Lickey near Pontypool (please note no dogs except registered assistance dogs allowed); call Clive on 029 2065 4156. For up to date information log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Llantwit Major Town Twinning Association

THE Llantwit Major Town Twinning Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the Bowls Club on Thursday, March 12, commencing at 7pm.

The Association was reformed in March 2018 and has since attracted a significant number of members and friends. Several successful fundraising events have been organised to generate funds for the exchange programme with Le Pouliguen in southern Brittany.

At the meeting, details will be given of a proposed visit to Le Pouliguen in September 2020, with a return visit to Llantwit Major planned for 2020.

The Association is keen to attract more members, particularly younger people and representatives from sports clubs, and all are welcome to attend.

Bridgend YFC's eloquent young orators

GLAMORGAN Young Farmers Club recently hosted their public speaking day in Pendoylan Church of Wales School.

Competition was fierce, debate was animated and the audience were captivated by the passionate and emotive speeches being delivered. The judge, Mrs Anwen Nicholls had the most difficult task of coming to a decision on best team of the day.

A strong team from Bridgend Young Farmers was triumphant in the Senior Mace Debating competition. Jacob Anthony, Morgan Williams, Tabitha Anthony, Ewan Key and Ffion Lewis all proved to the judge that they were distinguished speakers and powerfully held their own against fierce competition from Maendy YFC. Jacob Anthony was named as the Best Speaker of the day along with Catrin Hill from Neath YFC. Ewan Key was the highest scoring chairman.

Jacob Anthony and Morgan Williams from Bridgend YFC will go on to represent Glamorgan at the Wales YFC Public Speaking finals in the Royal Welsh Showground next month. Tabitha Anthony was selected as first reserve for the team.

I am sure that the Bridgend team will do Glamorgan proud. Bridgend's two junior reading teams also gave notable performances and although unplaced, enjoyed themselves immensely.

Bridgend YFC would like to thank their trainers, Rob and Gwyneth Williams, Peter and Emma Anthony and Enid Rees for their invaluable support and guidance.

Gardening made easier for Barry Men's Forum

THE Forum welcomed Sheena Crossley to address members and talk being entitled "Gardening Made Easier".

Sheena trained many years ago at the Waterperry Horticultural College on the outskirts of Oxford. On receiving her qualifications she worked for the Cardiff Parks Department.

She wrote a gardening column for the South Wales Echo for over 12 years besides being the correspondent for the magazine Garden Answers. She has appeared on television with David Bellamy and was a regular contributor to HTV's *Get Gardening*. Sheena has spent many years passing on her knowledge to clubs and societies throughout south Wales.

Her talk started with a display of simple but effective gardening tools, followed by a talk on how to keep gardening simple – but pleasing to the eyes. Many garden centres are only interested in selling products, but doing a little research on what is best for you and your garden can achieve one's aspirations.

The meeting ended with a question and answer routine and members were delighted with the answers given; with the coming months gardens should achieve their full potential!

Forum meet every Thursday at Holy Trinity Church hall on Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry commencing at 9.45am; new members are always welcome and further information can be obtained from Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

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Bridgend Quiz League

THE results from the Bridgend Quiz League for February 10 are:

Division 1: Oldcastle A 41, Laleston Inn A 46; Tondu Railway Club 44, TyRisha Royals 44; Penybont AFC Nomads 59, Crown Maesteg 41; Chatterton Shunters 43, Mackworth Arms 40.

Division 2: Cabo Roche 52, Prince of Wales Rebels 40; Six Bells Clangers 46, Pheasant Gamekeepers 44; Pheasant Pluckers 52, Tondu Railway Locos 26; Laleston Inn B 47, Oldcastle B 37.

Test your general knowledge with these teasers from the Quiz League:

1. What is the Spanish word for the number five?
2. What bird is also known as a halcyon?
3. Aldergrove was the old name of which UK city's airport?

SK

Answers: 1. Cinco; 2. Kingfisher; 3. Belfast.

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Sisters double fundraising target for Macmillan

THEY have held a tarantula, braved an icy Boxing Day swim and taken on high ropes – now two sisters are gearing up to take on even tougher challenges for Macmillan Cancer Support in their mother's memory.

Sisters Verity Pyke of Cardiff, and Lauren Turner of Bridgend, have completed 12 of 20 fundraising challenges for Macmillan Cancer Support to mark 20 years since their mother Susan Turner died of breast cancer in April 2000.

The duo has doubled their £2,000 target by raising £4,000 for the charity with the challenges they have completed since April 2019. They have now set a new target of £5,000, which they hope to hit with their remaining challenges, which include a sky dive, a Cardiff Bay 10K run, walks up Pen-y-Fan and the O2 Arena, and a black tie dinner at the New House Country Hotel in Thornhill on May 15.

They are also asking the public to Leap for Macmillan on leap day, Saturday, February 29 and pay £1 for the leapfrogging challenge, which they can post on their Facebook group, Friends of 20420.

The sisters' challenges so far include: high ropes, holding a tarantula, breaking free from an escape room, a 5K run, a muddy 5K, Walking the Shine 10K, a Boxing Day swim, a virtual kindness challenge, hosting a pub quiz, taking on an extremely hard puzzle, doing 'Go Sober for October',

and adopting an animal at Folly Farm on their mum's birthday.

Teacher and mother-of-two Verity, 37, said: "Our family are very proud and excited by the whole thing. They've been involved as much as they can be - our auntie joined us on our freezing cold swim and both aunties are coming up the O2 with us! Our Nan, who is sadly fighting cancer at the moment, has been incredibly supportive and has paid for our sky dives. It's been important to us that we pay for all the challenges ourselves so that every penny raised goes to Macmillan."

The sisters are grateful to everyone who has helped them hit £4,000 so far – and they are looking for local businesses who can donate raffle prizes for their black-tie dinner.

Lauren (35) said: "The support we have received so far has been far beyond our expectations and I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us along the way. We are on the look out for raffle prizes for our black tie dinner in May and we still want to encourage people to come along to our challenges and take part with us. Continued support from people has made it a fun and uplifting year so far."

Rachel Lewis, Verity Pyke, Emily Pyke, Lauren Turner and Theo Pyke

Verity added: "We have been blown away by the support we have had from friends and family and people we have never met before. We would also like to thank all the local businesses that have supported us through sponsorship or prize donations, in particular Tots Play North and Duncan Worgan Tyres, who are sponsoring our DJ at the dinner. We are currently looking for raffle prizes for our charity black tie dinner, so if any local businesses would like to donate, we would love to help promote you via our Facebook group Friends of 20420."

Richard Pugh, Head of Partnerships for Macmillan Cancer Support in Wales, said: "We'd like to say a huge thank you to Verity and Lauren for taking on these 20 fantastic challenges to support Macmillan in memory of their mum. Being diagnosed with cancer can turn lives upside down in a moment and the money they've raised will help us be there to offer practical, emotional and financial support for people with cancer in Wales and their loved ones.

"For support, information or just a chat about how Macmillan can help, please call us free on 0808 808 0000."

People can support Verity and Lauren, or donate towards their challenges, by visiting www.justgiving.com/20420.

Celebs call on nation to put the kettle on, to stop people dying of bowel cancer

TV presenter Davina McCall, and chefs Lorraine Pascale and Ainsley Harriott are among the celebrities calling for the nation to put the kettle on and host a Brew Together fundraising event in April to raise money for Bowel Cancer UK's work in Wales.

April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month and this year Bowel Cancer UK is hoping more people than ever will get involved. Held at home, in your local community or at work, it's a chance to catch up with friends, family and colleagues over a cup of tea and make a donation to Bowel Cancer UK to help stop people dying of the disease by funding vital services and lifesaving research in Wales.

Hoping to inspire fundraisers, celebrities including Davina McCall, Tony Singh MBE, Ainsley Harriott, Lorraine Pascale, Sue Lawrence, and former Great British Bake Off contestant Martha Collison have donated their favourite recipes to have with a brew. These mouth-watering creations include: chocolate drop scones, Maltesers cupcakes, bread and butter pudding, Bollywood bar and blueberry and almond muffins.

Creator of 'Own Your Goals' Davina McCall said: "I'm proud to be supporting Bowel Cancer UK's Brew Together. My blueberry and almond cupcakes are guaranteed to go down a treat with your Brew Together guests."

Bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer in Wales, with over 2,300 people diagnosed with the disease every year; however the disease is treatable and curable especially if diagnosed early.

Mike Locke, Wales fundraising manager at Bowel Cancer UK, said: "Bowel cancer is the second biggest cancer killer in Wales but with your help we can change that. All you need to do is take an hour out of your day to hold a Brew Together event, catch-up over a cup of tea or coffee and the money you raise will help fund vital services and lifesaving research to stop people dying of the disease."

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With Harold Williams

It's been a leisurely time for the winter bees

THERE has not been a lot of external activity just yet, however signs of spring are beginning to show.

Snowdrops, crocus and even some cherry blossom are out, so when the weather conditions are favourable some foraging is underway.

These foragers are the winter occupants of a hive and they are now some five months old, which is very old when you compare the lifespan of their summer sisters (six weeks).

Why this difference in lifespan?

Well, winter bees are not as active as their summer sisters. In summer it is all go for the occupants of the hive, and long summer days mean long working hours.

The procuring of nectar and pollen to provide for the internal occupants of the hive is the driving force that leads to this brief lifespan of a forager.

Before they take on their foraging lifestyle, each of these bees has already used up some three weeks of its six-week life growing into an adult.

What activities are undertaken by a young internal bee?

Their queen has to be cared for. Temperature and humidity levels must be maintained so that eggs may hatch. The larvae that develop from these eggs have to be fed; wax must be produced to build the cells to meet the ever-expanding population of a summer colony.

Cells that have seen use must be cleaned and made ready to accept incoming pollen or nectar, and of course to provide their queen with receptacles for her egg laying.

The incoming nectar and pollen must be allocated storage space so when a forager enters the hive she is met and relieved of her burden, and this is stored by the internal bees.

Another item that foragers collect is propolis!

This is a very sticky resin that trees and some plants produce, and the bees make use of it to seal up any cracks within the hive and as a very efficient disinfectant.

Should any object appear in the hive that the bees themselves have not introduced, it will be embalmed in propolis and very effectively isolated and rendered harmless to the inhabitants.

Much, much more goes on inside a summer beehive, even at night, so is it any wonder that this very useful insect just wears itself out in its pursuit of the welfare of colony members?

Our winter bees have no foraging to do; their sisters have left in-house stores to meet their daily requirements. Keeping themselves and their queen alive is their only task in hand, until the lengthening days herald the return of spring, and colony expansion gets underway – leading, of course, to their demise.

Can we solve the plastic problem?

ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENTALIST Brian Mayne begins his new monthly column looking at everyday environmental issues.

Brian is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, as well as the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management, Chartered Environmentalist and is recognised by the International Solid Waste Association as an International Waste Manager.

He begins his monthly series of articles with a look at some of the issues surrounding plastics.

It's difficult not to turn on the TV, read a paper or look online these days without seeing a story about plastics polluting our seas, littering our streets and poisoning our wildlife, so what can be done?

To begin with, it's worth reminding ourselves that plastic is not just one material – technically it's a collective term for a variety of synthetic polymers.

Goods made from plastics have been increasing exponentially since the middle of last century. Many of these products, unfortunately, are created for single use; roughly half of plastic is used once and thrown away.

Not only is this harmful to the environment and the oceans, but it is also damaging to wildlife – where it affects hundreds of species in the ocean. The Ocean Conservancy reported that plastic has been found in more than 60 per cent of all seabirds and 100 per cent of sea turtle species.

And things are not getting any better.

The World Economic Forum states that 32 per cent of the 78 million tons of plastic packaging produced annually is left to flow into our oceans; the equivalent of pouring one refuse truck of plastic into the ocean every minute. This is expected to increase to two per minute by 2030 and four per minute by 2050. By 2050, this could mean there will be more plastic than fish in the world's oceans.

A solution to the plastic problem requires government intervention, producer responsibility and consumer action. Welsh Government has already set out its ambition to phase out single use plastic.

Its aim to make Wales become the first country to send zero plastic to landfill is commendable. The intention, along with the UK Government and the other devolved administrations, is to introduce a number of measures including a plastic packaging tax, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging, a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers (Scotland has already introduced this), and applying bans or restrictions to phase out single use plastic.

EPR is a concept whereby brand owners and manufacturers take environmental responsibility for their products and the associated packaging when they become waste. This should help achieve more plastic being recycled, therefore reducing plastic waste.

Already in the Vale we can recycle plastics like shampoo/conditioner bottles, milk bottles, drinks bottles, Tetra Paks (eg juice cartons), cleaning product bottles, yoghurt pots, containers used for things like strawberries and takeaway plastic boxes and lids.

This list will likely expand as the new legislation is introduced.

A further element of the scheme will ensure that manufacturers start looking more closely at designing products for re-use or recyclability.

A major problem is that often products are designed with different materials mixed together, making it difficult to separate them and therefore problematic to recycle.

As far as recycling goes, we can have the best collection systems in the world, but if we as consumers don't use them or don't know how to use them properly, then the whole concept fails.

In the same way it's pointless to collect materials for recycling, unless there is a market. Fortunately, a major element of EPR is that not only does it involve companies engaging and encouraging the public to recycle but it also supports the development of markets.

AM raises question of watercourse erosion on unclaimed land after concerns from residents

OGMORE AM Huw Irranca-Davies intends to raise the fraught issue of erosion by rivers and streams close to the back gardens of terraced houses in his constituency of Ogmore, which he believes may be a hidden problem affecting thousands of properties across Wales and England.

The recent storms have shown that we are going to face more frequent and heavy rain storms, causing our major rivers to flood in places which haven't seen flooding for many years. But residents in Ogmore have also raised with Huw their concerns over the many smaller streams in the upper valleys which turn into raging torrents under storm conditions. To make it worse, often there is no clear ownership of these riverbanks. A good example is the classic back-lane of a row of terraces which a stream may run alongside, where decades ago the old council-truck may have rumbled along clearing out the bins. But more often now this is known as an 'unadopted road' or back lane, which the council does not own or maintain. As these un-owned lanes flood and get eroded, there is no-one to take responsibility for protecting the lanes or the properties.

One example of this is the back lane alongside Caerau Road and Blaencaerau Road in the upper Llynfi valley above Maesteg. This is normally a small watercourse, not even classified as a river in its upper reaches. Yet in the recent floods it surged over the back lanes behind the terraces. Over several years, residents say it has steadily eroded the banks towards the back gardens of the houses, and in some places the lane has become just a narrow path (see picture attached).

"If there is clear ownership of these lanes and the land up to the watercourse, then there is a clear legal position," says Huw, adding: "Where ownership can be established – even if it is the residents – then the owners are liable for the watercourse up to its mid-point. But because we cannot establish ownership, either because they are unadopted roads or because the ownership is lost in time, then nobody can take responsibility or do anything. And believe you me, we have tried the local authority, NRW, the Coal Authority and anyone else who might have an interest! In these cases, nobody wants to have ownership and take responsibility. Meanwhile the erosion continues, and householders get more worried every time it rains."

Huw will be asking Welsh Government Ministers to examine the issue and come up with solutions for this 'no man's land' problem of unadopted back lanes and strips of land adjoining riverbanks. He believes that this will be a problem affecting many valleys homes, yet many people may not even be aware there is an issue until it is too late.

Out & About with The GEM

What's on this week

Rail society meeting

THE February lecture of the Barry and Penarth Railway Society will take place on Thursday, February 27 at The Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth, CF64 2EZ, starting at 7.30pm when Lyn Brown will talk about 'Railways of the Burmese Oberland'.

Entrance is free to fellow rail enthusiasts and friends; bar service available.

History society at Rhoose

THE Rhoose History Society are holding a regular meeting at 7.30pm on Friday, February 28, at Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose, CF62 3EZ.

The speaker will be Phil Carradice whose topic is 'History like your teacher never taught you'.

All are welcome and tickets at the door are just £1 and 50p for child ren under 18 years old. A raffle will be available.

Spring fair at Penarth

COME to the Spring Fair on Saturday, February 29 in the Conservative Club in Penarth.

Doors open at 2pm and admission is £1, which includes coffee/tea and biscuits.

We will be selling cakes, cards, crafts, preserves, etc, and all proceeds go to Cancer Research UK.

St David's Day celebration

ON Saturday, February 29 in the Bayview Suite at Fontygary Leisure Park, doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Entertainment by Cantorion Creigiau Community Choir, licensed bar and raffle.

Tickets £15, includes a Welsh-themed supper of leek and potato soup, sharing platters of cheese, bread and butter and bara brith and Welsh cakes. £5 from the sale of every ticket benefits Rhoose Community Library.

Admission by ticket only, from Rhoose Community Library and Chris Davies Estate Agents, Rhoose or phone 07791 514991.

Bingo event at Rhoose

THE Management Committee at Rhoose Community Hall is holding it's February Bingo Afternoon on Saturday, February 29.

The doors will open at 1.30pm at the Hall in Stewart Road.

There will be the usual large raffle and light refreshments at the half time break.

Please come and join us for a fun afternoon.

Bridgend PACT

GARW PACT public meeting/drop in meetings will be held at the Men's Shed, Blaengarw Rugby Club, Pontycymmer on Wednesday, March 18 at 10am.

Sarn and Bryncoch PACT public meeting will be held at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, March 30 at 7pm.

St David's Day service

ST Tathan Church, St Athan celebrates St Davids Day with a bilingual service at 11am and a Grand Concert at 2.30pm featuring St Athan Primary School Choir, St Athan Youth Brass Band, Harping On, and many other local artists.

Free entry which includes refreshments.

A retiring collection in aid of the church tower and bells restoration project.

Dewch yn lli I ddathlu Gwyl ein Nawddsant.

Dog friendly knitting group

A KNITTING and crochet group is now meeting at The Llangewydd Arms, Broadlands, Bridgend.

Organiser Shelagh Shepherd told The GEM: "We meet every Monday from 1.30pm to 4pm and are dog friendly and wheelchair friendly.

We have a raffle every week and donate £2 a week to The Dogs Trust."

For more information, email shepherdsrest47@btinternet.com

Stroke club drop-in

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are running a monthly drop-in Stroke Club in the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

You will be able to get help with services available in the Vale, and chat to others over a cuppa.

The next session will be held on Thursday, March 5 from 10am to 12pm.

Why not just come along? Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Would you like to recognise a local hero?

Council is calling for nominations for Citizen of the Year Awards 2020

HAS someone you know gone above and beyond for the community?

Have they done something amazing you feel they should be recognised for their achievement?

Then why not nominate your local hero for this year's Cowbridge with Llanblethian Citizen of the Year Awards.

Town Mayor, Cllr Alec Trousdell, would like to invite you to nominate the unsung heroes in the community for a Council Citizen of the Year Award, which recognises the people who do so much for our community. Nominations are sought in five categories – Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Team of the Year, Environmentalist Award and the Young Citizen of the Year.

To cast your nomination, download the Citizen of the Year nomination form 2020, contact the Town Council office on 01446 773385, or email c.p.john@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk.

* The closing date for nominations is Friday, March 27 with presentations taking place at the Town Hall on Friday, May 1 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Twinning Association

LLANTWIT Major Town Twinning Association will hold a St David's coffee morning in the Llantonian Hall on Saturday, February 29 to promote Fairtrade in the town.

The event will commence at 10am, admission £3 to include refills, and Welsh cakes.

There will be a prize raffle and entertainment will be provided by the local ukulele band.

Poppy appeal for 2020

ANYONE who is interested in helping to sell the poppies, or helping in any way should come along to the meeting on March 10 at the Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge at 7pm.

Alternatively, call David Howells on 01446 774306.

Anyone who would like to join the Royal British Legion is also welcome; you do not have to be ex-service to join.

Coffee with the bowls club

A COFFEE morning will be held on March 2 at Cadoxton Bowls Club in Victoria Park from 10.30am; all are welcome.

Meet author Catrin

A BOOK talk takes place with Catrin Collier on her new book *Glyndwr: The Foretold Son* on Tuesday, March 3 from 7pm to 8.30pm at Barry Library, Tickets are £3 which include a free glass of wine.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, March 5, there will be a watercolour demo by Bristol artist and tutor Tim Wilmot (see www.timwilmot.com) a prolific demonstrator with almost 50,000 followers of his UTube tutorials.

Glaucoma information

GLAUCOMA is a common cause of age-related vision problems in seniors.

In line with Glaucoma Awareness Week, an adviser from Glaucoma Association Cardiff and Vale will be at a drop-in information session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, March 3 from 10am to 12pm.

No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Flower Arrangers

MEMBERS of Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers are looking forward to the March 4 evening when Wendy Davies from Carmarthenshire will be the demonstrator for the evening on the subject of 'Let's get Fresh' at the Lesser Hall at 7.30pm.

New members are always welcome.

Cream tea for carers

IF you are looking for information and support with your caring role, come along to the stage door at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl on Friday, March 6 from 12.30pm–3.30pm and find useful information while enjoying a spot of free afternoon tea.

Organised by BAVO's Community Navigators Project and Bridgend Carers Centre, information and support for carers will be available throughout the afternoon, alongside taster sessions in Tai Chi, stress control techniques, confidence building and more.

For more information, contact Jodie Williams at BAVO on 0792 321 2731 or jodiewilliams@bavo.org.uk.

World Day of Prayer

THE local celebration of the World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 6 at 2pm at Elfed Avenue United Church, Penarth.

The theme is 'Rise, take your mat and walk' and the invitation is for everyone – men, women and children – to come and join this day of prayer.

The service has been prepared this year by the women of Zimbabwe; they encourage us to reflect on the difficulties they have suffered over many years and share the challenges they have met, and the hopes they have for the future.

The Day of prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries: it begins in Samoa and travels through Asia, Africa and the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 36 hours later.

The service will be followed by refreshments. For further information, visit the WWDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk.

KPC money saving tips

DIGITAL Communities Wales will be running a course at KPC on how to save money online on Tuesday, March 10 from 1pm–3pm.

All welcome to attend this free course, but please contact KPC to book your place.

The course will cover saving money on insurance, utilities, 'cash back' and raising money online.

Call 01656 749219 or email: info@kpcyouth.com.

Adventure night

ON March 11, the Vale's polar adventurer, Maria Leijerstam, will be giving a talk in Cowbridge Comprehensive School, at 6.30pm, on her epic challenge when she cycled to the South Pole.

She will be telling her story in a 40-minute talk and a question and answer session, followed by a 40-minute documentary film.

During the break, you can crawl into her tent, try on some polar clothing, and sample the freeze-dried food that kept her alive in extreme conditions.

Money raised during the evening will go to her expedition charity, the Alzheimer's Society.

For more details, email marialeijerstam.com

Caribbean night

A CARIBBEAN night raising funds for Oddballs testicular cancer charity will take place on Saturday, March 28 at The Horse and Groom, Cowbridge, from 7pm until late.

Live bands Juice Lu and the Sherbet Pips and Stupid Stunts will perform along with DJ Andrew Pritchard.

There will be a barbecue and raffle, with prizes donated by Cowbridge shops. Tickets are £10 each and fancy dress is optional!

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, March 1 at 2pm, 'Cennin pedr Gwyllt', Y Swyddfa Bost, Sant-y-Brid, CF32 0SB.

On Tuesday, March 3 at 10am, 'Ar Lan Y Mor 2', Y Barri, maes parcio Bron Y Mor, Y Cnap.

On Wednesday, March 4, at 10.30am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Bron Y Mor Car Park, Cold Knap, Barry.

Also on March 4, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden Fountain, Cowbridge.

On Thursday, March 5 at 10.30am, the Living with Cancer Strollers meet at the visitor Centre, Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on March 5 at 2.30pm, the Penarth Coffee Shop STrollers meet at Penarth cliff top cafe car park.

On Sunday, March 8 at 2pm, 'Around Gileston', meeting at Gileston Beach car park, CF62 4HX.

On Wednesday, March 11 at 10.30am, the Llantwit Major Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Llantwit Major town hall.

On Thursday, March 12 at 10am, 'Over the hill', starting at the Sportsmans Rest, Peterson-super-Ely, CF5 6LH.

VE or VJ Day in pictures!

COWBRIDGE Town Council are asking if any members of the community have any Cowbridge VE or VJ Day photographs that they would be happy to share.

If you can help, please contact David Howells via the Town Council Offices on 01446 773385 or email shookins@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk.

Autism society at Bridgend

THE Bridgend and District National Autistic Society is made up of a group of parent volunteers who run the branch, and meet monthly for an open meeting for anyone affected by autism to attend.

The group meets in Y Bont in Bridgend and the next scheduled meeting is March 18 at 9.30am. Guests visit to speak on various topics to help with autism and the group also fundraises and puts on activities for people with or affected by autism.

The activities include soft play, miniature railway sessions, exclusive swimming sessions, and coffee mornings for parents.

For more information, email Carol Williams at williams149@btinternet.com.

Cwlwm Celtaidd Wales, Interceltic festival

THIS music festival has been running for 19 years and people come from all the Celtic nations to visit and perform in Wales, a lively weekend of Celtic music, dance and song, where people young and old come together to enjoy concerts, workshops, music sessions, ceilidhs and much more.

Concerts and events are held at The Hi-Tide, Porthcawl March 6-8. On Friday and Saturday evenings, a concert with headline artists is held on the main stage, while in the dance venue there are opportunities to enjoy dance performances and to participate in a Twmpath/Ceilidh, with free music performances in the bar.

During the weekend, dance groups and other artists will be performing around Porthcawl. On Friday, festival artists will perform at local English and Welsh medium schools. Headline artists Friday night will be Rusty Shackle, a five-piece folk-rock band from south Wales and Saturday evening sees the return of popular Welsh Celtic band Jamie Smith's Mabon, which will be hanging up its boots next autumn.

Enjoy the last months of this amazing band and catch them at Cwlwm Celtaidd.

Another year - another great production for the talented Bridgend Youth Theatre

The Bridgend Youth Theatre's Guys. Photos taken by Mandy Thomas Photography

IT'S Friday night, I am sitting in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, and I am more than somewhat excited, as tonight the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) will be performing the classic musical *Guys and Dolls,* **writes Glamorgan Gem reporter Philip Irwin.**

What's more, I am further reassured because I see that Mr Roger Burnell is the director, Miss Annie Davies is the choreographer, and Miss Shelley Rees is the assistant director.

Now, people who know these things tell me that Shelley knows more about stagecraft than Mindys know about cheesecake, while Annie knows more about dancing than Benny Southstreet knows about setting odds for the 3.30 at Saratoga.

Furthermore, I am reliably informed that Roger Burnell knows more about musical theatre than Big Jule from Chicago knows about mixing quick-drying cement.

OK. Enough of the Damon Runyan pastiche, but the point here is that *Guys and Dolls* does ask you to leave your modern-day sensibilities behind and enter a perfectly preserved imaginary world. In Damon Runyan's New York, grifters and gamblers are 'characters' and the dolls are strictly decorative. You won't find any of the female characters carving out a career as a corporate executive.

Even the gangsters are comic figures – unless they have put out a contract on you.

So, *Guys and Dolls* is as much an imaginary world as Brigadoon, but when you suspend your judgement and enter, you find yourself in one of the perfect musicals, where every song has its place, and every line of dialogue will either make you laugh or will move the plot along.

The story pivots around two romances. There is the long-running one between crap game organiser Nathan Detroit (Jude Blake) and night club singer Miss Adelaide (there were two Miss Adelaides – more on that later).

They have been 'engaged' for 14 years but Nathan, in modern parlance, is a committment phobe.

Then there is the (almost) love at first sight romance between the professional gambler Sky Masterton (Jack Williams), and Miss Sarah Brown of the Salvation Army (Eddylia Osbourne).

Now, Jack and Eddylia were the leads four weeks ago when Porthcawl Comprehensive School put on *Sister Act* and they picked up rave reviews on social media. As a result, I thought that people would return to see them in this show but Porthcawl is a funny town and, despite local actors featuring in BYT shows, residents simply do not show up in the numbers you would hope for. The stay-aways missed a treat.

Let's leave the lead actors for the moment, because the BYT has always been about more than that. The show opens with two young girls on stage, and their role is to watch and react as the larger-than life Runyon characters appear.

They point at the glamorous ladies, the attentive boy-friends, the scurrying small time crooks, the cops, the show girls, the Salvation Army and the cops.

As with so many BYT shows, there is too much happening on stage to take it all in, but the point is that the young ones learn early that they are on stage to act and react, not just to stand there – and it pays dividends years later when it's their turn to tackle main roles.

So, let's return to the lead roles. Jack Williams, playing Sky Masterton, is attracting the interest of a number of drama colleges and this show only enhanced his prospects. His acting has always been solid but his singing has come on in leaps and bounds.

You can totally believe that the strait-laced buttoned-up Miss Sarah could fall for him.

His big number, of course, is 'Luck be a Lady' and he was right on the money with this one.

Miss Sarah (Eddylia Osbourne) and her director set a trap and I have to confess that I fell right into it. Her first song, a duet with Sky, is 'I'll Know' – one of those songs when the singers are getting interested in each other, against their better judgement.

I thought her delivery of this song was too formal – too classical – but that was part of the set up for 15 minutes later, when Sky had whisked her off to Havana, and she had (literally and figuratively) let her hair down after several Cuban cocktails.

'If I were a Bell' is one of the classic Broadway tunes – a real swing number about falling in love and she was perfect – exuberant and lost in the moment. The contrast between her first meeting with Sky and this evening in Cuba was only emphasised by the way she sang the two songs.

I didn't see *Sister Act* but friends I trust tell me she was at home with the pop and soul songs in that show, so Eddylia has really proved her versatitlity in a breakthrough year for her.

Returning to the other pair of lovers, Jude Blake (Nathan Detroit) is another BYT stalwart who gets better each year, and he was completely

at home playing the stressed out, put upon fixer who is under pressure from all sides.

He had the extra challenge of rehearsing with two Miss Adelaides, as Lili Smith took the role on Thursday, while Aisling Thomas was the Friday Adelaide.

When the BYT performed *Chorus Line* last year, these two took key comedy roles, and they proved their worth again this year. Aisling opted for a comedy red wig, while Lili chose to use her own hair, so to speak, but they both had the audience in stitches, making the most of one of the great Broadway comic roles.

'Adelaide's Lament' – explaining why she can't shift her psychosomatic cold, is a great comic song and they both squeezed the naximum out of it.

There were plenty of strong performances from the rest of the cast. Patrick O'Neill was excellent as Benny Southstreet, and he worked well on stage with William Evans, who played Nicely Nicely Johnson.

William, of course, gets one of the biggest numbers – 'Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat' and he and the entire cast brought the house down with it.

In many ways, 'Sit Down' is the show's finale. There's a bit of plot to tie up, and Miss Adelaide and Miss Sarah find common ground in the belief that they can each make the man of their choice mend his ways once they are officially hitched ('Marry the Man Today').

Then the lovers get married and, in the best tradition of fables and fairy tales, they head off to live happily ever after. Another year, another great BYT show. Roger Burnell is a Cardiff City fan and, if the Bluebirds were as consistent in performance level as the BYT, they would have been in the Premier League for the last 20 years!

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The return of the otter...

PERHAPS my most memorable encounter with wildlife in the Vale was meeting an otter face-to-face. It was whilst I was out fly-fishing late one summer night that I spotted a pair of eyes that shone brilliantly in my torchlight, 20ft up-river. I was bewildered, and before I could comprehend what I had seen the eyes disappeared below the water's surface.

Moments later, a long brown shape swam elegantly past me beneath the water, inches from me. I watched my inquisitor reveal its identity as his face emerged above the water, his fur a glossy chocolate brown, eyes gleaming, long whiskers protruding from his face. After this brief eye-to-eye inspection, the otter snorted loudly and once again dived beneath the water with a watery plop, the last time I saw or heard him that night.

These beautiful mammals, active and thriving in the Vale, are members of the mustelid family, which includes other weasel-like carnivores. They are exceptionally good swimmers and fish hunters as their bodies are uniquely suited to a semi-aquatic lifestyle. They are also voracious eaters, and an adult consumes at least 1kg of fish daily. On the River Thaw their diet usually consists of the popular fishermen's quarry: Brown trout. They are, however, somewhat opportunistic, taking other prey like amphibians, birds' eggs and even small mammals! Because of this high-calorie diet, otters require a reliable hunting ground, and are thus very territorial, leaving spraints as a warning sign to other otters. This territorial nature means that the River Thaw, a relatively small watercourse, is controlled by just a few otters who patrol their territories regularly. They are most often active at night and dusk, and although I have on occasion seen young otters swimming during the daytime in the Cowbridge area, the majority of my encounters with otters have been at night. The familiar sounds of their watery grunts and noisy splashing are incredibly exciting to hear when out on walks in the late evening.

The resurgence in otter numbers in Wales since the 1970s is a real success story but they still face a variety of man-made threats. Historically they are perhaps one of the most persecuted mammal species in Europe, once thoughtlessly hunted for their fur. Otters are now a protected species under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Protection Act. Water pollution from agricultural run-off and industrial effluent is a significant threat to otter breeding; a study published in 2013 by Cardiff University shows that pollutants may now be affecting male otters' reproductive systems. Traffic collisions also pose a serious threat to otters where roads extend through previously undisturbed otter territories. For example, the developments in and around Darren Farm and the new Aston Martin factory at St Athan have transformed those landscapes forever, as well as significantly altering the surrounding streams and watercourses where otters travel and hunt. In December 2018 I found a dead otter at the roadside just 200m from the main gate of the new factory. Trapped between fencing during road construction it had been struck by a car. I was shocked to find it there whilst cycling past, covered as it was with construction mud and litter – a sad end. After keeping it covered and protected, a member of Natural resources Wales came and picked it up for the Cardiff University 'Otter Project' who use otter casualties to assess their health and effect of pollution on local populations. We are yet to get any information about the results of the autopsy.

Having seen otters on many occasions, I decided to use an infrared camera trap to work out which areas are most often visited by the animals. I was excited to have filmed an otter on the first night setting up the camera. I've filmed the same adult male which patrols a long stretch of the River Thaw many times now and his female partner, but each video brings new surprises such as the tendency for the otters to leave spraints in the same spot. To see an otter, keeping an eye on rivers whenever you can is guaranteed to improve your chances, but what will help massively is identifying places otters regularly visit. This is no easy task but looking for prints left in soft mud, spraints or slopes on the riverbank into the water is a great starting point. I was surprised to learn from some Cowbridge residents, that they also have had sightings of otters.

Despite their elusive nature and reputation, just knowing that otters live in our rivers alongside us in the Vale is remarkable. While spotting these intelligent and curious creatures may be very difficult, acknowledging that the nearest otter is never far away will give you a greater appreciation for our local wildlife and the importance of keeping our rivers clean and healthy.

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Club helps keep RNLI lifeboats afloat

ON February 9, members of Llantwit Major 41 Club joined Chairman Brandon Dyke at a windswept Porthcawl RNLI Station to present a cheque to the RNLI in appreciation of the valuable work they do.

The RNLI volunteers at Porthcawl were delighted to receive the donation from 41 Club and their spokesperson announced that the timing of the donation coincided with the charity's fundraising drive, 'The Perfect Storm'.

The initiative by the RNLI has been launched to help meet their present and future needs. It will go towards covering the increased costs due to the growing number of launches that have happened in recent years.

Sadly, call outs will probably increase in the future.

Nationally, 41 Club and Tangent are hoping to raise £50,000 for the RNLI during their current presidents' term of office.

Llantwit Major 41 Club would welcome any past Round Tabler in the area who would like to attend one of their meetings. If you fancy coming along, contact secretary Bryn Morgan on 01446 793427.

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Welsh Government leadership missing in struggle against flooding

TOWNS and villages in parts of Wales are still in the process of recovering from the two most recent seasonal storms – Ciara and Dennis – which hit over the past two successive weekends, causing misery to hundreds of families in Wales, and many more in other parts of the UK.

First expressing his gratitude to the emergency services, Paul Davies AM/AC – Leader of the Opposition in the Welsh Parliament – then questioned the First Minister over his administration's approach to flood prevention and alleviation strategies. He asked if the First Minister was confident that the Welsh Labour Government was doing all it could to protect communities, before referring to concerns raised by Mari Arthur, chair of Welsh Water's independent advisory panel.

She said: "We're missing that leadership, I feel, at the top to bring that together. That's why things aren't happening." Mr Davies said that it has been 10 years since the publication of the last flood risk management strategy, adding: "We have yet to see an updated strategy, which surely will help in making sure that responses are better coordinated in the future."

He then called on the First Minister to accept that the delay in publishing a flood risk management strategy has made some communities feel that flooding is simply not a priority, adding: "It's time that more effective leadership is shown on this matter."

Mr Davies, who last week visited communities affected by flooding, reported conversations with businesses and residents and said: "Perhaps we need to rethink how we address flooding in the future, especially given the warning signs received at the start of the Assembly, because people I spoke with believe that more could have been done sooner to mitigate the impact of flooding on their communities."

Mr Davies added: "Let's be clear about this, we all accept that the Welsh Government can't control the weather – and nor can it prevent all flooding – but it is responsible for developing an holistic plan with all stakeholders and concerned parties.

"What these people, some of whom were hit twice within a week, need is reassurance that the Welsh Government will do all it can to prevent – and then mitigate the effects of – flooding, because storms, rain, and floods will, of course, come again.

"Key to this is updating the flood risk management strategy, and making it fit for the 2020s and onwards. We have been waiting for it for two years now, and to hear that the First Minister believes it will be ready in 'a couple of months' is too late, and must come as a bitter blow to those residents still trying to repair their homes after these devastating floods."

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PAULINE MARY BLACK (Deceased)
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of Bay View Lodge 26 Porthkerry Road Rhoose Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3HD, who died on 28/02/2019, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 08/05/2020, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
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Section 17 (5)
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An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a **PREMISES LICENCE.**

To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of : Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk. Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:- Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

Name of applicant: Zena Dix

Name and postal address of the premises: Bettws Life Centre, Bettws Road, Bridgend, CF32 8TD

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DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: 18 March 2020

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Janet Lorraine (*née* Erskine)

Peacefully on 20th February 2020 at Bella Vista Nursing Home, Barry, Janet, devoted wife to the late Luciano, much loved mum of Louise and Natalia. Special mother-in-law of Neil and Gareth, an adored nanny of Daniel, Will, Luca and Lui.

Janet will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at All Saints Church, Barry on Tuesday, 3rd March at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Ty Hapus, Barry in memory of Janet.

ATTWELL
John Kenneth

Retired BBC Broadcast Engineer

Passed away on Wednesday, 19th February, aged 75 years. Loving husband of Lynda, wonderful father of Ellis and Bethan, father-in-law of Kate and fantastic grampy of Eva and Isla.

John will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

The celebration of John's life will take place on Thursday, 5th March at Thornhill Crematorium, Wenallt Chapel at 11.45am.

Family flowers only by request, a retiring collection at the service in lieu of flowers will be collected for City Hospice (which is based in the grounds of Whitchurch Hospital).

All enquiries can be made to David Monk-Roberts, Funeral Director at Pidgeons of Cardiff, 539 Cowbridge Road East, Victoria Park, Cardiff (02920 226604).

HARTLEY
Dr. Eleanor

(Formerly of Marine Drive, Barry)

Peacefully on Thursday, 13th February, surrounded by her loving family, Dr Eleanor Hartley passed away at Ty Llandaff, aged 94 years. Adored mother of Antonia, Fiona, Jeremy and Timothy, respected mother-in-law, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother.

The funeral service will take place on Monday, 2nd March at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Canton at 12.15pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers will be collected at the service for 'MIND Cymru'.

All enquiries to David Monk-Roberts, Funeral Director at J.Pidgeon & Son (Tel 02920 226604).

The family would like to thank all of the staff at Ty Llandaff Care Home for their excellent care over the past 2 years.

Requiescat in pace.

SPARKES
Diane Mary (*née* John)

Diane John sadly passed away on Saturday, 8th February, aged 60 years, after a short battle with cancer and years of illness - Diane is finally at rest. Diane was treasured by everyone who had the honour of knowing her: doting mother to Jake, who loved her dearly, cherished sister to Mark and Kathryn, incredible aunty to all her nieces and nephews, a jewel in our family and a loyal and fierce friend.

Diane will be missed beyond measure.

Diane's funeral, in celebration of her life, will be held at A.G. Adams, Gladstone Road, on Friday, 6th March at 10am. The service will be followed by a private family committal at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Barry.

There will be a wake to raise a toast to Di and share our fond memories of all that she was.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home, but donations to Crohn's and Colitis UK are also welcome, so a collection will be made on the day.

Diane was full of life, so to celebrate that, please wear bright colours in her honour on the day.

Family Notices

HUGHES
Megan (*née* Hendy)

Sadly on 14th February 2020 at Collegefields Nursing Home, Megan, aged 93 years. Beloved wife of the late John Hughes, much loved mam of Mary and Colin, a loved nan to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Megan will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until being received into St Helen's Church , Barry on Monday, 2nd March at 5pm. Requiem Mass to take place on Tuesday, 3rd March at 10.30am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for St Helen's Church shall be collected on the day.

MORGAN
Doris (Dot) Elizabeth

Peacefully passed away on 19th February 2020 at Llandough Hospital, aged 90 years. Devoted wife of the late Glyn and much loved mother, grandmother, sister and auntie.

A kinder heart would be hard to find and she will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare Barry until the service on Wednesday, 4th March at A.G. Adams Chapel of Rest at 10am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 11am.

Flowers are welcome and may be sent to A.G. Adams or donations if preferred to Age Connects Cardiff & the Vale, 4 Cleeve House, Lambourne Crescent Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5GP.

R.B. TROUGHT
'Ron'

Passed away suddenly at home, aged 81 years. Dearly loved brother of Tania and brother-in-law John, son Gavin and daughter Kimberly and all the grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James and Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 3rd March, service and cremation 11am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Ty Hafan c/o the funeral director.

THOMAS
Christopher (Chris)

Suddenly on 6th February 2020 at UHW, Chris, aged 74 years, sadly passed away. Son of the late Pat and Hubert, brother of Ann, Sarah and the late Elizabeth. Loving uncle to his nine nephews and nieces.

The funeral will take place at 1pm on Wednesday, 4th March at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, followed by 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium.

Family flowers only.

Resting at W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN.

ROLLING
Valerie (*née* Willson)

Val sadly but peacefully passed away at home on 19th February 2020. Devoted wife to Peter and a loving mother to Mike and James.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral service to be held on Monday, 2nd March 2020 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12 noon. Any donations would be gratefully received by Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth via a retiring collection on the day of the service or c/o Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

KLEE
Sylvia (*née* Powell)

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on Tuesday, 18th February 2020. Loving wife of the late Ken, much loved mum of Andrea and Jacqueline, mother-in-law of Chris and Paul, adored grandma to Olivia.

Sylvia will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Tuesday, 10th March at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for The British Lung Foundation shall be collected on the day.

MOSS
Valerie Llewellyn (Val)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 13th February 2020, aged 91 years. Devoted wife of the late Joe, loving mother of Sue.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 2nd March at 3pm.

No Flowers by request.

STREET
Christopher George

Peacefully on 16th February, Christopher of Llanblethian, Cowbridge; beloved husband of Jayne and loving father of Sam and Lucy.

Will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral Friday, 6th March, service at Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun at 11am, followed by interment at Llanblethian Churchyard.

Family flowers only, donations if so desired for Stepping Stones Appeal at Velindre Hospital c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel:01443 223368

ATTWOOD
Gwyneth Marjorie (*née* Taylor)

Peacefully after a short illness on 15th February. Loving wife to Eric, beloved mother to Gareth and Alun. Cherished nana to Lizzie and Maddy.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 5th March at 11am.

Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Ty Hafan at the service.

Acknowledgement

COOPER
Ronald (Ron)

Sandra, Vernon, Clare and grandchildren Alex, Ben and Daniel and also Linda and Glyn would like to thank everyone who attended Ron's funeral.

Special thanks to Glyn for taking the service.

£150 was raised for The British Heart Foundation in memory of Ron.

In Memory

TINTO
Rose

1st March 2014

To have known you, was to have loved you.

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Bill, Karen & Christopher xxx

RAWLE
Patricia Ann (*née Goode*)

Mum it has been a year since we lost you on 21st February 2019, you are in our thoughts and in our hearts everyday.

We all miss you and think about you all the time.

You were the best mother and nan we could wish for.

Lots of Love, Kevin, Stephen, Andrew, Debbie, Carys & Alex xxxx

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on 22nd February

TYLER UDE

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Mum & Paul *xxx*

Norman Weaver
Happy 90th Birthday Dad
on 4th March 2020

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90

Michael Daw
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on 1st March 2020

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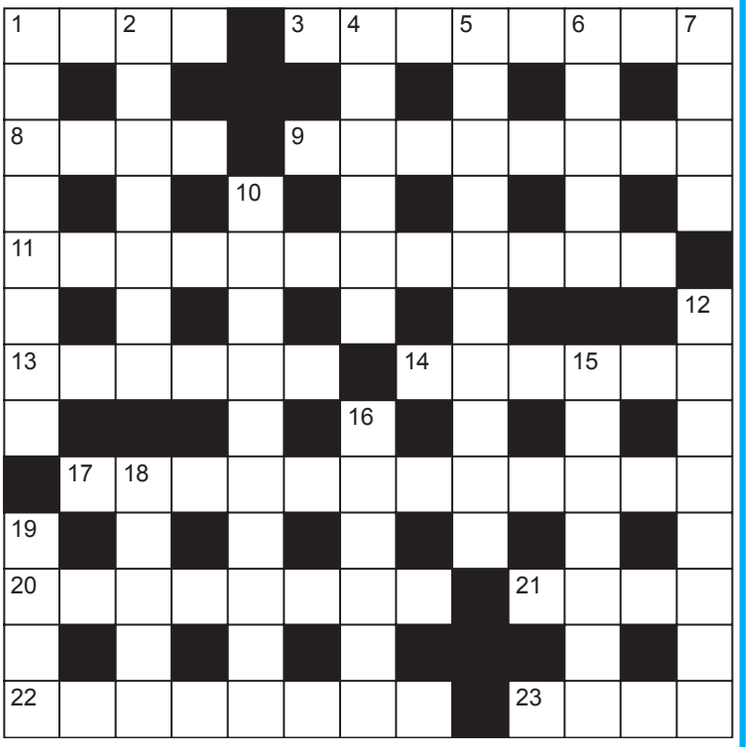

CRYPTIC CLUES

Across
1. One means of producing inflation (4)
3 & 2Dn. Landlords who work in the theatre! (8,7)
8. Spots the right tree (4)
9. Not in favour of going to the photographer's after work (8)
11. Charged too much (12)
13. The usual thing sought by shopkeepers (6)
14. Greater than ninety - that's insensitive (6)
17. Valiant - but suffering from a fatty cardiac condition? (5-7)
20. Broadcasting cables for quick means of communication (8)
21. Not repeated in the concert (4)
22. What the organ pedal produces is seen at the bottom of the page (8)
23. March time of definite significance (4)

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1. Of necessity, by means of coercion (8)
2. See 3 Across
4. About a harbour explosion (6)
5. Traditional description of a saw! (10)
6. Make higher wage increase in the States (5)
7. Yes, oriental gurus advocate this philosophy, initially (4)
10. For remission of sins, the sailor has the answer (10)
12. Short of capital (8)
15. Not keyed up (7)
16. The Mad Hatter produces something ominous (6)
18. The trunk is a different sort with ring attached (5)
19. It comes from a local farm (4)

SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Pump; 3 Property; 8 Rash; 9 Opposing; 11 Overburdened; 13 Custom; 14 Obtuse; 17 Stout-hearted; 20 Airlines; 21 Once; 22 Footnote; 23 Ides.
Down: 1 Perforce; 2 Masters; 4 Report; 5 Proverbial; 6 Raise; 7 Yoga; 10 Absolution; 12 Headless; 15 Untuned; 16 Threat; 18 Torso; 19 Calf.

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Tony Yates takes the Volvo S90 T8 AWD for a spin

THIS week's motoring review considers the S90 T8 – a vehicle that is beyond doubt an amazing piece of machinery, *writes Tony Yates.*

Power and efficiency

THIS particular S90 is powered by a 1969cc petrol engine that has 303hp and 400Nm of torque. Factor in the 87hp electric motor which also has an additional 240Nm of torque, and it means you really do start to see in a very short time how things can get very exciting indeed!

Top speed comes in at around 155mph and a 0-62 time, just a shy over 4.8 seconds. This is a big car, though – and I felt the engine was more than big enough to easily propel you from zero to hero in no time at all. If you select one of the more 'engaging' driving modes, things really do start to hot up!

On the road

I expected nothing but the best from the S90 and I was not disappointed. The S90 does not roll and scamper around like a scalded cat – it just glides. It's actually like driving around on a cushion of air. It's so good, I really just wanted to go out and buy one right away. Also, the grip levels are staggering and very well balanced, thanks to the Volvo engineers getting everything just right.

The S90 also has AWD which means it will keep you firmly planted to the road ahead. You also have the assurance that everything beneath you is doing a proper job of keeping on the right track. As we all know, Volvo majors on safety in all its vehicles, and the S90 is no different – it ticks all the boxes here. Well done, Volvo – for everything.

Safety and technology

THE S90 has many features and cutting-edge technology as standard: oncoming lane mitigation, run-off road protection, driver alert control with lane keeping aid, dual stage driver and passenger airbags, SIPS, road sign information display, full-length IC (inflatable curtains) WHIPS, anti-theft alarm, 9" centre console portrait touch screen, DAB radio, Bluetooth handsfree system, Sensus Connect with high-performance sound (10 speakers), speed sensitive steering, hill start assist, drive mode settings, keyless drive with remote tag and dynamic chassis. Plus: 18" 10 spoke turbine alloy wheels, tyre pressure monitoring system, 12.3" active TFT crystal driver's information display and heated front seats. Also, as it's the T8 model version, you also get electric rear axle drive, auxiliary fuel-fired heater, laminated side and rear windows and a lithium-ion battery (11.6kWh).

In summary

THE S90 is simply epic. Sometimes I wonder why I own a VW when it's clear in my mind that it is time I bought a Volvo. Price model as tested: £58,405, excluding options.

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Youngsters honoured for making a difference in their community

FOUR young people from the Vale of Glamorgan who are making a difference in their community have been honoured by the Queen's representative for the area.

Able Cadet Joshua Edwards, from Llantwit Major; Able Cadet Lilimai Black, from Penarth; Cadet Corporal Madisyn Morgan from Barry; and Cadet Sergeant Rhian Horton also from Barry have been appointed as the Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets for 2020.

The four were selected for the prestigious role, which lasts for one year, after being put forward for nomination by Cadet group leaders and the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Wales.

The role includes attendance with Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Mrs Morfudd Meredith, at a number of official engagements, including Remembrance events, Royal visits and parades. They were presented with their distinctive badge of appointment in front of around 90 people at an awards ceremony at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff.

Mrs Meredith said: "Tonight presents the opportunity to recognise the excellent work of the Reserve Forces and Cadets in South Glamorgan. The occasion demonstrates the very best dedication and commitment by those who serve in the Reserve Forces and Cadet families."

Joshua, 15, of Barry Sea Cadets, and a pupil at Llantwit Major School, aims to join the Navy. "My favourite thing about Cadets is off shore voyages and I'm really looking forward to taking part in the Tall Ships race this summer," said Joshua, who progressed through the ranks from Cadet to Able Cadet within two years due to his dedication, commitment and outstanding attendance. He is always one of the first to volunteer whenever his unit takes part in events or fundraising activities and helped to organise a 24-hour sailing event that raised over £1,500 towards Barry unit.

Lilimai, 16, of Penarth Sea Cadets, who attends St Cyres School, and also aims to join the Navy, said she was really looking forward to her role as a Lord-Lieutenant Cadet over the next year.

"Some of the best experiences I have had have been through Cadets so I would definitely recommend it to anyone thinking of joining," said Lilimai, who holds a multitude of waterborne qualifications, including being a fully qualified rowing coxswain and holding an RYA Level 2 Powerboat License. Her passion is for the catering branch and she has completed a Class 3 Catering course and aspires to achieve the pinnacle qualification of Cadet Catering Instructor.

Madisyn, 15, of Dyfed and Glamorgan ACF, said the best thing about Cadets was meeting new people and all the new experiences that it offered. The St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School pupil is always on hand to support her fellow cadets in training and community activities. This flair for leadership led her to achieve the rank of Corporal at the relatively young age of 14.

Rhian, 17, of No 1 Welsh Wing RAF Air Cadets, attends Barry Sixth Form and is a squadron marksman, basic radio operator, youth first aider and holds the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award.

She is also a qualified sport leader, holds a tag rugby leader qualification and runs fun sports sessions for the Cadets at MOD St Athan on a regular basis. At a recent camp, she was the most senior Cadet and responsible for 40 others and ensured they were in the right place, at the right time and in the right uniform. "I was really shocked to find out that I had been chosen but I'm really looking forward to attending all the different events that the Lord-Lieutenant attends," said Rhian.

In recognition of her outstanding service and devotion to duty Mrs Patricia Williams from Rhiwbina, Cardiff, who volunteers with No 1 Welsh Wing RAF Air Cadets, was presented with the Lord-Lieutenant's Certificate of Merit.

There are over 4,400 cadets in Wales who gain skills and qualifications through working with local communities, charities and taking part in a variety of practical activities.

The Cadet syllabus is delivered by hundreds of volunteering adult instructors and civilian assistants, who give up their spare time on weeknights and weekends.

Cadet Corporal Madisyn Morgan, Cadet Sergeant Rhian Horton, Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Mrs Morfudd Meredith, Able Cadet Lilimai Black and Able Cadet Joshua Edwards.

Mrs Patricia Williams with the Lord-Lieutenant.

Look to the sky this March with Dave Powell

THIS month, the Milky Way can be seen climbing up from the northern horizon, rising not overhead but slightly towards the west before dropping down to the southern horizon.

Between the Milky Way stars and the south-western horizon, Orion and Canis Major with the brilliant star Sirius command attention, and this month will be the last opportunity to explore both constellations.

Almost overhead is Gemini. This constellation is dominated by two stars Castor and Pollux. Quite frankly, without these two bright searchlights, Gemini would not receive the attention it does.

Which is which? As you gaze up, Castor is the top star with Pollux below it but, all is not what it seems. To the naked eye the two stars may look the same brightness and the ancient Greeks assigned Castor as brightest, therefore assigning it the Greek letter Alpha; they then gave the second brightest star in the constellation Pollux the Greek letter Beta.

Now, however, we know that Pollux is brighter than Castor, although we do not change the lettering. Pollux is also a different colour. Binoculars will confirm its colour as being orange while Castor is white. These two stars are not associated as they lie at different distances from Earth. Castor is furthest, about 50 light years away from us while Pollux is thought to be around 30 light years distant. (A light year is the distance light travels in one year, something like six trillion miles.)

We also know Pollux has at least one extrasolar planet revolving round it, while Castor is the brightest member of a multiple system of stars, perhaps as many as six. It is worth sweeping the whole constellation because should you be fortunate to have a dark sky, there is at least one open cluster of stars, M35. Try sweeping from Castor slowly along the top line of stars to locate.

On March 1, the Moon forms a triangle with the Pleiades and Hyades star clusters, and on the 5th it forms a triangle with Castor and Pollux. The planet Venus is still nicely placed in the early evening sky, easily seen as it is the brightest object in the sky.

If you are an early riser, on the morning of March 18, the Moon and planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn will all appear in the south-east.

Do check our website www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com for when we meet and hold observing sessions. Everyone is welcome, we cater for beginners.

Dave Powell, Barry Astronomical Society.

‘Stop pavement parking,’ says blind man hit by car

A BLIND man from South Wales is calling for an end to pavement parking after he was hit by a car in December.

Steve Lawrence, 62, from Talbot Green, was walking home with his shopping on a residential street when he encountered two cars parked on the pavement. Steve, who uses a long cane to detect obstacles on his route, tried to avoid them. But one of the cars began to drive along the pavement before pulling out into the road, hitting Steve in the arm and damaging his cane beyond repair.

Steve said: “I’ve been blind since 2014 and have had bad experiences with vehicles parked on pavements before, but this was the worst. I use my cane to follow the curb when walking along a street, so it is difficult to stay on the pavement when there are cars in the way.

“I was able to get past that time but then one started up and bumped me. The driver then swore at me before driving away and obviously I wasn’t able to see what car he was driving or get a licence plate number.”

Steve was in pain following the incident, but it wasn’t until after Christmas that he realised how badly his shoulder was injured. Steve continued: “I went to the doctor in the new year and they referred me to physiotherapy, I go once a week and I also do special exercises every day. I am a campaigner and volunteer and have missed many important meetings and appointments because of my injury.

Steve continued: “The situation was so frustrating because I couldn’t do anything about it and the driver didn’t even apologise. I am very independent and confident walking alone, but this made me nervous to walk in that area for a while. I worry that other blind and partially sighted people in similar situations would have their confidence knocked and be less likely to leave the house as a result.”

Pavement parking is currently only illegal in central London, but many MPs, AMs and campaigners are calling for a nationwide ban. In January the National Assembly of Wales’ Petitions Committee began considering an 800-name petition advocating for a ban. Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport Lee Waters AM has since set up a Taskforce Group to investigate the issue and explore potential solutions. The group aims to report its findings in June.

RNIB Cymru Campaigns Officer Kirsty James said: “Clear pavements are essential for blind and partially sighted people, and parking on pavements can cause serious problems. Vehicles parked partly or fully on pavements obstruct walkways and often can’t be detected by people with sight loss until it is too late.

“Making sure walkways are safe and accessible is everyone’s responsibility. We will continue to support a ban on pavement parking and are keen to contribute to the Taskforce Group discussion, and we hope to see real change happening across Wales in 2020.”

To find out more about campaigning for RNIB Cymru visit: www.rnib.org.uk/wales-cymru/how-you-can-get-involved.

Dancers to represent Wales at World Cup in Italy

A BARRY dance school has won a place at the Dance World Cup in Italy.

Students from Nicola Peros Ballet Academy, who come from all over the Vale and Cardiff, will represent Team Wales at the tournament this summer. They will be performing in both solo and group dances at the event, for which thousands of children from 62 countries have auditioned. The event is described as ‘the greatest all-genre dance competition in the world for children and young adults’.

The team is urgently looking for sponsors to help support them with the cost of the Team Wales kit and costumes. Nicola’s academy was chosen after auditioning and they will head to Rome at the end of June.

Nicola said: “The dancers have worked very hard to get chosen and we have to work equally hard to raise money, as there is no funding for the dancers. If any local businesses can support the team, we would be very grateful. I’m sure they would be honoured to have their names on the Team Wales kit.”

The team recently held a bag-pack at Morrisons in Barry which raised £468. If your business would like to sponsor Nicola’s Team Wales, contact Nicola Peros on 07850 741136, info@nicolaperosballet.com or visit fundraising page https://paypal.me/pools/c/8jS0WZekKe.

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

DIVISION 1

Challengers 251 (D Collard 26) v Bakers Dozen 292 (A Haines 31);Space Finders 299 (K Jackson 33) v Allsorts 317 (L Thomas 33); Family & Friends 252 (L Sheppard 28) v Special Angels 213 (T Jones 25); Sea View Gals 269 (S Phillips 29) v Coppers 271 (N Punter 29); Cadoxton Conservative Fillies 245 (R Phillips & S Chilcott 24) v Pila Pala 265 (B Bickerton 27).

DIVISION 2

Family Affair 262 (A Dyer 30) v Breakaways 240 (L Burnett 26); Etcetera 245 (S Dyke 26) v Persuaders 237 (G Hughes 26); Witchill Weebies 325 (H Aspenell 34) v Rollers Coasters 301 (L Gould 31); Red Admiral 266 (S Hayes 34) v Colcot Ladies 243 (C Fenton 25); Bobbys Girls 241 (G Toogood 26) v Rugby Triers 224 (D Srering 26).

DIVISION 3

Westenders 258 (M Condon & J Caravan 26) v Hillbillies 248 (J Lambeth 27); Airways Angels 247 (R Gibbs 28) v Little Devils 171 (L Hughes & J Jones 24); Off the Rails 233 (J Tinselled 24) v Sea View Ladies 249 (S Humphries 29); Vixens 239 (L Galsworthy 24) v Witchill Widows 230 (A Bird 27); Dolly Mixtures 222 (E Abel, E Bryan & L Marsh 24) v Bandits 151 N Alsop 24).

DIVISION 4

Drifters 260 (A McCarthy 31) v Socialites 195 (P Starr 23); Nite Outers 211 (K Blackmore 27) v Aristocats 180 (P Danced 23);Twilights 172 (K Evesleigh 20) v Witches 217 (Y Tovey 28); Rebels 152 (C Carter 26) v Witchill Wanderers 176 (J Morrisey 23); Optimists 236 (J Holland 28) v Westend Rollers 189 (S Carpenter 28).

What wet weather?

COTTRELL Park Golf Resort is now officially the largest indoor golfing facility in south Wales!

Housing a total of five simulators and an indoor six-hole chipping and putting green, in the aptly named Golf Academy and Sports Hall.

This new indoor facility offers an indoor electronic golfing experience plus the snooker and pool room, with two full size snooker and pool table means all members and visitors can enjoy the freedom of golf and sport throughout the winter, regardless of the weather.

The 36-hole course sees its membership remain strong and ever growing with a variety of membership categories.

General Manager Derek Smith said: "It is not difficult to understand why when we offer two courses for the average price of one subscription. Both our Mackintosh and Gwinnett Button Courses are renowned as being dry inland courses, thus seeing few closures. The golf simulators can be used by all – whether in a group session or individual golfers wishing to improve their swing! The GC Hawk simulators also offer other sports including zombie golf and football, making a great day out for the whole family."

Cottrell Park Golf Resort's facilities are available to not only members, but also visitors to the resort. The cosy Merrick's Bar offers a hearty meal and a place to relax after your day of play. With an ideal Location on the A48, just five minutes off Junction 33 of the M4, Cottrell Park also offers free parking with more than 200 spaces. It is no surprise that this golf club has recently been named in the top three courses in Cardiff.

Pan disability football club goes from strength to strength

AS part of their support of community initiatives in the Vale of Glamorgan, Masons Self Storage have been supporting Barry Town Pan Disability Football Club since 2019.

Most recently, Masons has sponsored the team's wet tops for training as well as providing a donation towards their end of season celebration in July. Barry Town Pan Disability FC use the Masons Self Storage facility to store the training equipment and football kit for their teams. Being able to access their unit 24/7, with no limits on opening times makes a difference to Barry Town Pan Disability FC and their coaches.

Neil and Pat Latham have been running Barry Town Pan Disability FC for over 15 years and in that time it has become one of the most successful pan disability football clubs in south Wales. 'Pan disability' means that their team members have differing impairments and physical abilities, but play together regardless of their limitations. Their team comes from a very diverse background across the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff. In addition, they work with the FAW Trust who provide coaching and first aid qualifications for the coaches.

Barry Town Pan Disability FC are currently organising a Festival of Football on April 5 at St Cyres school, Penarth which will bring together all the different clubs in south and mid-Wales, with age groups from eight to adult. Barry Town are raising the money to host the event themselves and have been fundraising, as well as taking part in Barry Town Lottery; from every lottery ticket sold, Barry Town Pan Disability FC will receive a percentage of the amount. If you'd like to support the event, you can buy a Barry Town Lottery ticket from the club house at Jenner Park from 4.30pm onwards, as well as at any of the football matches at Jenner Park.

The Festival of Football is open to all to come and watch: not only will there be fantastic under-18 football talent on display, but also a raffle to raise more money for the club.

If you would like to get involved with Barry Town Pan Disability FC, they are currently on the look-out for new players; they are open to all abilities and genders. They are particularly keen to build up their younger teams in the 10-14 years age group, and they're looking for more support for their Festival of Football. If you would like to referee a game or two, have some prizes to donate to the raffle on the day or you just want to send over some fresh fruit for the players, get in touch with Neil Latham on 0782 334818 or email: nwlatham65@gmail.com.

Latest from Barry Chess Club

THIS week saw two more successful teams in action, the Barry Camelots away to the Caerphilly Knights and the Barry Quarks were at home to the Pontypridd Spartans.

The Camelots didn't play in the previous week so we had dropped to fourth in the table. The Knights were in ninth position and we had already whitewashed them in the previous encounter back in September. They had selected exactly the same players in this match as they had in our round two match and our team made only one change, so we hoped for a big win.

On this occasion the whitewash was prevented by Bob Hurn who managed to get a draw against our Matthew Davies. The half point was all they could get as Steve Cunliffe, Joe Turner, Dave Parsons and Tom Cooke all won their games.

The Camelots move back up to second in the table, but with a bye in round 12 we may drop out of the promotion spots. The Knights look doomed already as they are five points from safety with only six games to go.

In division three the Quarks played the Spartans. We were already in second place just ahead of the Spartans in the promotion race. We were able to introduce new player, Gwyn Havard, to his first league match and put him on the top board. He earned a draw for us. On the following boards Mark Cooke, Ian Abraham and Chris Green all took victories. We lost the bottom board unfortunately but winning against a strong team by 3.5 - 1.5 is accreditable result.

The Quarks remain in second place and stretched our lead to four points over the Spartans who are the team just outside the promotion spots. This was our fifth consecutive victory and augers well for our promotion challenge.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30pm most Mondays at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY and is open to players of all standards.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but contact a club member through the website first, so that we can arrange for someone to greet you. For more details visit barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

Bridge Clubs in the Vale

OLD Hall Bridge Club: January 29: first, John Beard and Liam Sheridan 66.67%; second, Sara Bartlett and Teri Pollard 61,51%; third, Ann Miller and Rita Williams 59.13%; fourth, Chris Impey and Colin Lewis 58.33%

February 5: first, Teri Pollard and Sara Bartlett 71.36%; second, John Beard and Liam Sheridan 59.09%; third, Cathy Mangles and Glenda Roberts 56.82%; fourth, Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones 55.45%.

February 12: first, John Beard and Liam Sheridan 71.25%; second, John Raymond and Allan Lewis 66.67%; third, Penny Jarvis and Helen Barrie 57.50%; fourth, Sue and Graham Norris 56.67%.

Visitors are always welcome every Wednesday at 6.50pm at the Old Hall, Cowbridge.

Barrivale Bridge Club: Results for February 18: First, Mike Close and Denis Mottram 69.17%; second, Mark Roderick and Kay Dyer 60.32% and third, Debbie Richards and Noelle Bond 55.83%. The handicap winners were Alan Rees and Pat Price.

Classes and assisted play at the Pioneer Hall Friday mornings 10am -12.30pm. Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP. New members are welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required.

To join us, call any of the following numbers: 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club: Results for February 24: WBU Sims: first, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage 68.18; second, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best 65.26%; third, Phil Felman and Tony Disley 60.06%.

Sully over 60s indoor bowlers are off to the Welsh championship semi finals

SULLY Bowls Club over 60s travelled to Llanelli to take on Taff Ely from Pontypridd in the quarter final of the Welsh championship.

Taff Ely arrived with a strong and very experienced side, but things started well for Sully and after five ends they were seven shots ahead. After 10 ends Sully were still six shots ahead: the rink of Dave Curtis had picked up 12 shots over these five ends while Mike Doyle's rink had lost 12 over the same period.

After 15 ends Mike Doyle's rink had steadied the ship and picked up four shots while the Dave Curtis rink picked up another five to leave Sully 13 shots ahead. This lead was maintained until the end, Sully winning by 14 shots.

While the whole team played well, special mention should be made of the leads on the two winning rinks – Dave Parker and Gerry White, who both bowled brilliantly.

Results: G Cogbill, G Eastment, C Williams, M Doyle 14 – 24; G White, M Matthews, R Hudson, K McLeod 22 – 10; D Parker, M Jones, A Harvey, D Curtis 31 – 17; A Thomas, C Collins, S Close, B Griffiths 14 – 16. Sully 81, Taff Ely 67.

Gerry White, Andrew Harvey, Rod Hudson and Ken McLeod will represent Wales in the UK National Championships in Llanelli from March 9 to 11.

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16 66 BMW 320 D M Sport Estate Automatic, heated seats, grey, full leather **£15795**

17 67 BMW 320 D M Sport Shadow Edition 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, harman kardon, heated seats, blue, full leather **£16295**

15 65 BMW 335 D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic, sat nav, through load, 38k, silver, full leather **£16995**

16 66 BMW 330d Luxury Estate Step Auto, sat nav, innovation pack, 19"alloys, black, full oyster leather **£16995**

15 65 BMW 420d [190] M Sport 5dr Gran Coupe[Professional Media] M Sport plus pack, 19"alloys, white **£14995**

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17 67 BMW 420 D Sport Gran Coupe 5dr (190bhp), BMW warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, 20k, black, full leather **£16995**

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16 66 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRDi Blue Drive Premium 5dr 2WD automatic, Pan, roof, sat nav, Bluetooth, met red,full leather **£14495**

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Endurance test returns

SUNDAY, March 1 sees the return of an extraordinary test of endurance: the Barry Track 40 Miles and Barry Marathon Track Race at the Jenner Park Stadium.

Racing over such arduous distances pre-dates the modern Olympic Games and was very popular in the mid and late 19th century. In Wales too, many such races were held in Maindy Stadium, Cardiff, and the first sub four hour 40 miles was achieved there in 1967.

The local equivalent at Barry was first held on the cinder track in 1986 and was won by local athlete Mick McGeoch, who remains the race director today. After converting the track to a synthetic surface the following year, the Barry 40 has earned its place as a cult event on the global ultra calendar.

In the previous 33 editions no less than 62 world best performances have been set, and three Barry winners have gone on to win global titles: Carolyn Hunter-Rowe (1993), Simon Pride (1999) and Lizzy Hawker (2006).

The Barry Marathon was created in 2017 as an opportunity for those who would find themselves unable to complete 40 miles in the allotted time, and has proved a popular under card. The event has been particularly well supported this year, with 19 athletes entering the 40 miles and four the marathon.

Defending champion James Elgar returns to defend the title he won in gale force conditions 12 months ago. A Rogerstone resident, James hopes to go faster this year, no doubt confident after reducing his Ironman Triathlon best time to eight hours 56 minutes last year.

If the men's race looks an open affair, so too does the ladies'. Cardiff resident Rachel Bowen won the Welsh title 12 months ago, and faces a potentially thrilling challenge.

The race will start at 10am and admission is free.

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Barry and District Clubs League round up

THE latest results from the Barry and District Clubs League are as follows:

Crib Division 1: Rhoose Social 11, Cadoxton Cons 4; West End 5, Wyndham Cons 10; Moors Boys 9, Liberals 6. League: Rhoose Social 136; Romilly Railway 136; Liberals 131; West End 130; Wyndham Cons 123; Cadoxton Cons 122; Moors Boys 122.

Skittles Division 1: Barries Boys 6.5, Sea View Exiles 0.5; Barry Town FC 6, Rhoosters 1; Liberals C 2.5, Allsorts 4.5; Rhoose Social C 6, Rhoose Social B 1; Rugby Club 3, Liberals A 4; West End D 7, Slammers 0; Rhoose Social A 5, West End C 2; King William XII 5.5, Cambrian Flyers 1.5.

League: West End D 100.5; Rhoose Social C 95.0; Rugby Club 83.5; Sea View Exiles 83.0; Barry Town FC 77.0; Allsorts 73.5; King William XII 73.0; Rhoose Social A 72.5; West End C 68.0; Barries Boys 67.0; Liberals C 62.5; Slammers 61.5; Rhoosters 51.5; Rhoose Social B 49.0; Cambrian Flyers 45.0; Liberals A 43.5.

Snooker Division 1: Wyndham Cons A 4, Cadoxton Cons B 1; West End C 3, Liberators 2; Rhoose Social B 3, Savoy B 2; Harbour B 5, Rhoose Social C 0; Cadoxton Cons Z 5, Penarth Cons B 0. League: West End C 71; Harbour B 69; Cadoxton Cons Z 65; Savoy B 58; Cadoxton Cons B 54; Penarth Cons A 50; Wyndham Cons A 46; Rhoose Social C 33; Penarth Cons B 28; Rhoose Social B 27. *Liberators 18.

Snooker Division 2: Market Street A 2, Market Street C 3; Savoy C 3, Wyndham Cons D 2; Sully Sports A 3, Harbour A 2; Market Street B 1, West End A 4; West End B 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3. League: Market Street C 68; Savoy C 58; Services Social B 57; West End A 55; Market Street A 54; Wyndham Cons D 53; Market Street B 46; Harbour A 43; Cadoxton Cons A 41; Sully Sports A 36; West End B 34. * = Points deducted. View results at www.barryleagues.co.uk. **JW**

Long awaited French team puts paid to Welsh dreams

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BE careful what you wish for.

How many times have Welsh rugby fans said that what the Six Nations needs is a strong French team?

It's a little late now to say that what we meant was a strong French side against England and Ireland, with Les Bleus going back to being a shambles when they played Wales.

There are some great talents in this French side – particularly at half back and at captain. They did collect two yellow cards by displaying that traditional French flakiness, but scrum half Antoine Dupont and outside half Romain Ntamack were cool, calm and clear-headed.

From the Welsh point of view, fans will get worked up over the close calls that went against them. On balance, France probably had the luck of the bounce too, but there were close calls that went in Wales' favour.

However, in a game that had its fair share of 'turning points' the crucial 14-pointer, when Ntamack intercepted Nick Tompkins' pass, was done to nobody other than Wales.

It all started well for Wales when, after three minutes, they were awarded a penalty 40 metres out and Dan Biggar split the posts.

However, only three minutes later France definitely enjoyed the rub of the green when Ntamack launched the first of many high kicks, and this one was spilt by Leigh Halfpenny. He doesn't drop many but, to make matters worse, it landed in the perfect sport for the French full back, Bouthier, to take it at speed.

In a flash he was gone and crossed in the corner but was able to run round behind the posts. The conversion made it 7-3 to France.

Things were nearly a lot worse two minutes later. Wales launched a promising attack but France turned it over close to their own 22. Dupont spotted Alun Wyn Jones on the wing (an attacking ploy but not a great defensive one) and kicked low and long.

AWJ versus right wing Terry Thomas was no contest but, luckily for Wales, when Thomas reached the ball, he tried to pick up when a kick ahead was probably the better option, and the ball spun into touch.

This was to be an incident-packed game, and the next came just two minutes later, when George North and Gael Fickou contested a high ball, and the Welsh wing took a blow to the head. It was totally accidental but a Head Impact Assessment was necessary, so Jonny McNicholl replaced North, who did not get clearance to come back on.

Tactically, Wales were using their backs more than France, and the French line were coming up really quickly. It was no surprise, but Shaun Edwards' coaching was definitely giving Wales problems.

On 15 minutes, after an exchange of kicks, Dan Bigger leapt high to take his own kick and, two phases later, he picked out Josh Adams on the left wing with a pin-point kick, Adams caught it and was so nearly in the clear, but he sensed that he was about to step into touch and his pass inside did not go to a Welsh hand.

Soon after, France were awarded a penalty and Ntamack took play from his own 22 to the Welsh 22. At the line out, Wales were penalised and the outside half kicked the penalty to make it 10-3.

Wales were stiil producing threatening attacks through the backs, but France were responding with some ferocious counter-rucking, and they were getting turnovers as a result.

However, on 25 minutes Wales reduced the deficit when, after winning a line out in the French 22, they set up a series of drives and Biggar kicked the resultant penalty.

France responded with a brilliant try. Bouthier broke and passed to Fakatawa and when they ball came back to Ntamack, he spotted two men on the far touchline and his perfect kick was taken by Fickou, who went over.

However, referee Matthew Carley asked the TMO to check for a forward pass from Bouthier, and Wales breathed a collective sigh of relief when the verdict went in their favour.

Things went wrong for Wales two minutes later, though. The French defence read a Welsh backs' move and Halfpenny was tackled. France kicked ahead and Hadleigh Parkes had no choice but to take the ball into touch just short of the Welsh line.

From the line out, France looked as if they would go for a drive, but instead they fed the ball on the blind side to the lock, Willemse, who was tackled but stretched out to ground the ball. Ntamack kicked the touchline conversion and it was 17-6 to France.

Wales came straight back and, despite the fact that Halfpenny was out of the play receiving treatment, Biggar chipped ahead, Nick Tompkins gathered and fed Gareth Davies, who was almost over.

However, Wales had to settle for a penalty and it was now 17-9.

The final five minutes of the half was destined to be another turning point, as Wales launched a series of attacks. Eventually, No 8 Gregory Alldritt pushed his luck and received a yellow card.

That last five minutes became 10. The clock kept ticking as Wales called for a series of scrums against the seven-man French pack (with Fickou doing his best as an emergency No 8).

The crowd were baying for the ball to go wide as the French were a man short in the backs but, when Wales finally did so, it was an untidy move that foundered.

With the clock showing 45 minutes, Tompkins was unable to take a difficult pass and knocked on. France celebrated as if they had won and the TV director knew exactly who to put the camera on, but it was poker face time for Shaun Edwards, who wasn't going to celebrate prematurely.

Presumably, he headed to the dressing room to tell his players to concentrate in the second half.

It was stating the obvious to say that Wales knew they were in a real game, but there was one chink of light. It has been suggested that the French are not yet fit enough to play Edwards' high intensity defence for the full 80 minutes. Make that 85, as the first half had gone on so long.

Could they sustain it?

The second half started with Aldritt still having four minutes left to sit in the bin, so France gave a mini masterclass in keeping possession until he came back. Wales did get the ball just before he returned, but France had passed their first test.

On 47 minutes, Wales scored after a series of forward drives. Hadleigh Parkes came on the crash ball but a French hand knocked it out of his grasp – straight to Dillon Lewis and the prop made it over the line close to the posts, giving Biggar an easy conversion. Just one point in it now at 17-16.

All the momentum was with Wales now and a score looked very likely as they broke left. Tompkins had two men outside him but Ntamack gambled on the interception and was away. He had 70 metres to go but there was no Welsh flyer close enough to catch him. Hadleigh Parkes tried but the French outside haf made it to the line and his conversion made it 24-16.

A real 14-point moment.

The next 10 minutes were a little untidy, but on the hour mark, Wales were penlised and Ntamack – already a dead cert for man of the match – kicked the 40-metre penalty to stretch the margin to 11.

It was a game full of turning points and the next came three minutes later. Tomos Williams had replaced Gareth Davies at scrum half and he and Tompkins combined in a threatening attack. Ntamack was forced to tidy up a kick ahead close to his line, and Wales set a series of drives from the line out.

Ken Owens went left with Josh Adams in the clear outside but the French lock, Willemse, knocked the ball forward as he tackled the Welsh hooker.

Referee Carley had a full range of options, from ruling it accidental, to giving a penalty, or giving a penalty try (and a card) but after a lengthy consultation with the TMO, it was called accidental.

Suddenly, as is traditional, the Welsh crowd noted that Mr Carley was English!

By now, substitutes were arriving left, right and centre. For Wales, Wainwright replaced Moriarty at blindside flanker, and the giant Will Rowlands replaced Jake Ball in the second row.

Wales were on top in the scrum now, and Rowlands' sheer bulk may have been a factor, and they received a series of scrum penalties, with the crowd howling for another yellow card.

That card came when the French No 3, Haouas, was singled out for collapsing a scrum, but all that did was to trigger another turning point. France were forced to take off their blidside flanker, Cros, and on came Demba Bamba at prop.

Exactly what happened at the next scrum will be a subject of debate for some time. Welsh coach Wayne Pivac claimed that France had not pushed straight, while the TV panel thought Wales were guilty of the same offence. However that debate pans out, the French seven just came straight through the Welsh eight, causing chaos, and were rewarded with a penalty.

By now, Wales had replaced Josh Adams, who had picked up an ankle injury, with Jarrod Evans, with Tompkins moving to the wing.

With six minutes left, substitute hooker Ryan Elias, Rowlands and Jarrod Evans all made ground, taking Wales close to the French line and eventually, Dan Biggar forced his way over.

It was time for another TMO referral. He had cerainly lost control of the ball before regathering, but the verdict was that the ball had not gone forwrd. Ntamack had been trying to prevent the grounding and he received an unnecessary knee in the ribs, meaning that he was off the field when the man of the match announcement was made.

Biggar's conversion made it 27–23 to France, and there were still three minutes left before France would be back to 15.

An exciting finish loomed but France had a chance to spoil it when they were awarded a penalty 40 metres out. Ntamack had not put a foot wrong all day but it was a big ask for Jalibert, who had only just come on. He struck it well, and the crowd went silent, until it just slipped the wrong side of the post – from the French point of view, of course.

There was still time for one last bit of excitement, as Wales fashioned one last attack. Tompkins broke with Tomos Williams in support and he had a split-second choice to make. A pass to Williams would not have put the scrum half in the clear, but who knows what might have happened?

As it was, he took the tackle but, when the French replacement hooker, Chat, got his hands on the ball, referee Carley penalised the Welsh centr for holding on.

France kicked the penalty to touch and a pulsating game was concluded.

It was a result that will hurt Wales now, and for the next few weeks, but it was the best game of the Six Nations so far, and there is considerable satisfaction to take from this.

One final point. When Wales played Ireland, I was not impressed by Jonny Sexton taking on the dual role of Irish captain and referee. He was constantly in the ref's face, arguing this and that, and I felt it was not a good look.

So, I can't turn a blind eye to Nick Tompkins berating the referee, Roy Keane-style, after that last-minute penalty award.

Emotions were running high, but it was still not a good thing to see - especially as all the experts agreed that it was a penalty. The upshot was that the game finished with both teams facing off against each other.

As a certain Nigel Owens said a few years back: "Gentlemen, this is not football."

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Kayne McLaggon fended them off at Jenner Park.

Two goals in two minutes

Barry Town - 1
Caernarfon Town - 1

Barry's celebrations short-lived as opponents strike back in seconds

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THERE are few trips longer in all of Welsh football, but nothing could separate Barry from Caernarfon on Saturday, as the teams exchanged two goals in two minutes at Jenner Park.

While the seemingly weekly winds threaten to make a mockery of the Cymru Premier's honours race, Barry boss Gavin Chesterfield would field a compelling line-up for the second game of Phase Two, with Wales' David Cotterill given a first start and Kayne McLaggon resuming his role up front.

Free of the shackles of a rightly-rescinded suspension, McLaggon played havoc with the Caernarfon defence, holding off a crowd of Canaries and coming close to scoring with his right-footed effort.

Then, after Kyle Patten and Cotterill exerted close control on the deck, Luke Cummings pitched the ball high into the afternoon's prevailing wind, allowing invading Rhys Abbruzzese to collect at pace.

Exchanging a well-worked one-two with McLaggon, Abbruzzese surged into space, only for goalkeeper Alex Ramsay to deny the Wales U21 international's attempt on goal with his legs.

Retaining possession in front of the New Stand, Evan Press would later find fellow Newport County product Mo Touray, the Gambia-born fan favourite ably holding off his marker at the edge of the area, before turning inside for a teasing shot that skimmed the paint off Ramsay's left-hand post.

Despite making inroads at the Gladstone Road end, Barry were unable to break the first-half deadlock and were almost punished when ex-Bangor City man Sion Bradley cut a hole in their retreating defence, forcing purple-clad Mike Lewis to make a key save from his powerful drive.

Nimble Abbruzzese though would remain an attacking weapon for Chesterfield's team, seeing off his man with an audacious piece of skill and carrying the ball into the Caernarfon box, before his final hit bounced off the top of the Canaries crossbar, rebounding back off one of the net's support poles.

Former Wrexham midfielder Leo Smith meanwhile made his mark by nipping past Press and deftly deceiving the approaching duo of Theo Wharton and Luke Cummings with an incisive through ball.

Bradley, Smith's target, had drifted clear from his marker and found himself played onside, but a recovering Barry backline did just enough to narrow his options, with the final shot veering wide.

Ultimately, Saturday's game was defined by a two-minute spell in the second-half, as Barry's persistence was both rewarded and negated in a manner reflective of their seesaw season.

With Cotterill closing in on Caernarfon's Ryan Williams, the 21-year old undercooked an ill-fated backpass, allowing Touray to interject, round Ramsay and slot home the opener after 63 minutes.

However, Barry's celebrations would be painfully short-lived, as Caernarfon forced the equaliser immediately from the restart; Darren Thomas snuffing out a game of head tennis to find Bradley, whose attempt at chipping a tipping Lewis was tapped over the line by talisman Thomas himself.

While supporters would take solace from the second-half return of Robbie Patten, whose injury on August's opening night at Penybont ruled him out for the better part of six months, Bala's 2-1 win at Newtown means the gap between Barry and the third-placed Lakesiders has now been stretched to seven points, though the Jenner Park side hold a game in hand on their rivals for European football.

With no fixture this weekend due to the JD Welsh Cup quarter-finals, Chesterfield's eyes will be on Saturday's New Saints vs Newtown tie; should the Robins prevail, Barry's rescheduled trip to Latham Park will be a midweek affair, while chances of a Europa League spot for finishing third diminish.

Last season, Barry's third-placed finish was enough to clinch a European berth in April, due to champions TNS and runners-up Connah's Quay Nomads contesting May's JD Welsh Cup final.

By beating the Saints 1-0 at Deeside Stadium, Nomads are the division's new leaders, with TNS looking to reassert their title claim against Barry at Park Hall on Friday 6th March (8pm kick-off).